

# Hunt for the Quark Gluon Plasma



The Quark Gluon Plasma as an Unicorn.  
Experimentalists are the hunters, so....“All theorists are...”

# QCD at nonzero temperature

$T \sim 0$ : Hadronic resonance gas.

$T \rightarrow \infty$ : “perturbative” QCD Andersen, Leganger, Strickland, & Su, 1105.0514

Near the critical temperature?

There must be *an* effective theory near  $T_c$ .

One example: matrix model of semi-QGP (near  $T_c$ )

Simple, *closely* related to lattice simulations

Moderate, not strong coupling (versus AdS/CFT...)

K. Kashiwa, S. Lin, V. Skokov & RDP, 1205.0545, 1206.1329, 1301.5344, 1301.7432 + 1306....

A. Dumitru, Y. Guo, Y. Hidaka, C. Korthals-Altes & RDP, 1205.0137, 1011.3820

RDP & Hidaka, 0803.0453, 0906.1751, 0907.4609, 0912.0940

RDP, ph/0608242, ph/0612191...

# What the lattice tell us

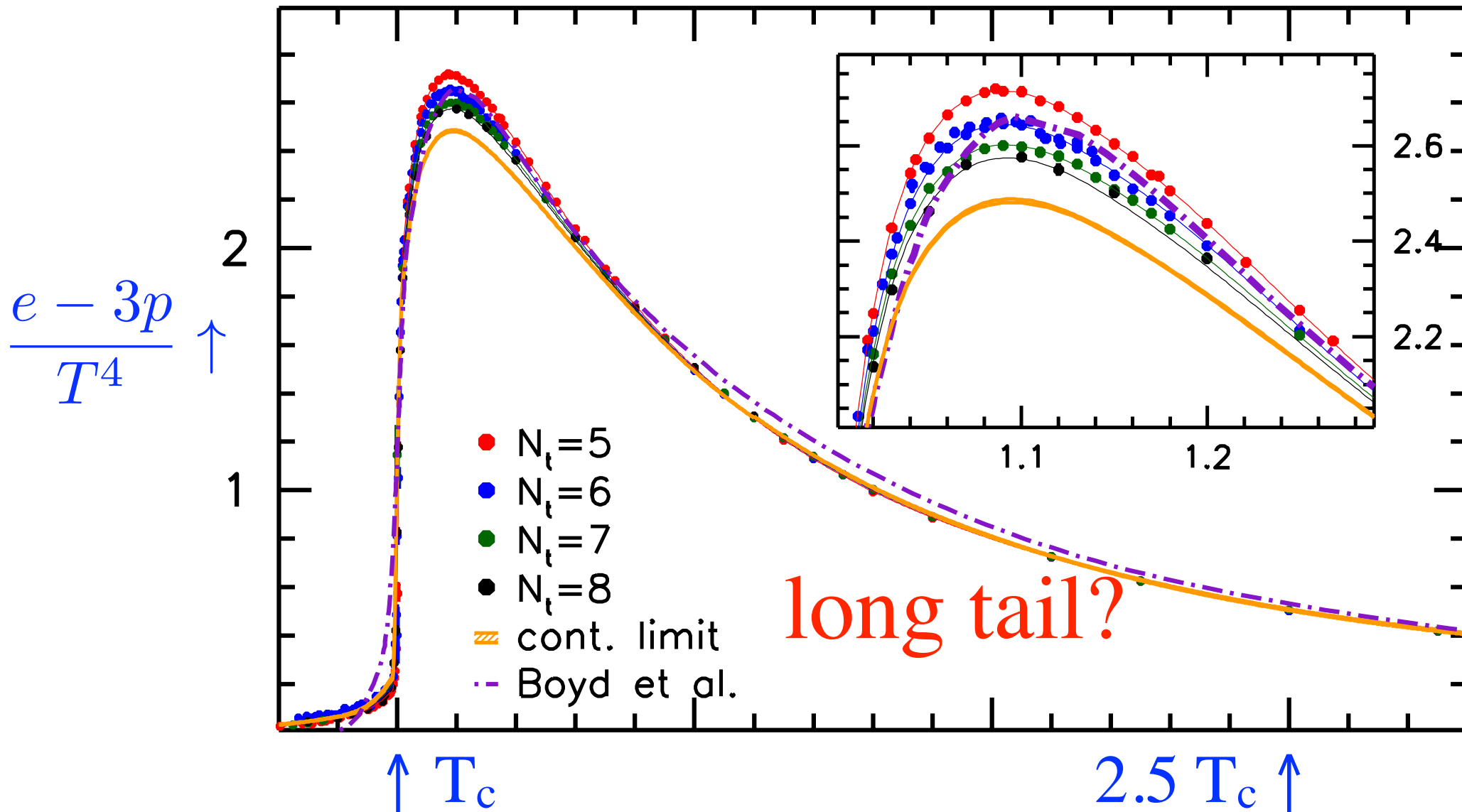
Hidden scaling of the pressure near  $T_c$

(Resummed) perturbation theory

# Lattice: usual thermodynamics

“Pure” SU(3), no quarks. Peak in  $(e-3p)/T^4$ , just above  $T_c$ .

Borsanyi, Endrodi, Fodor, Katz, & Szabo, 1204.6184



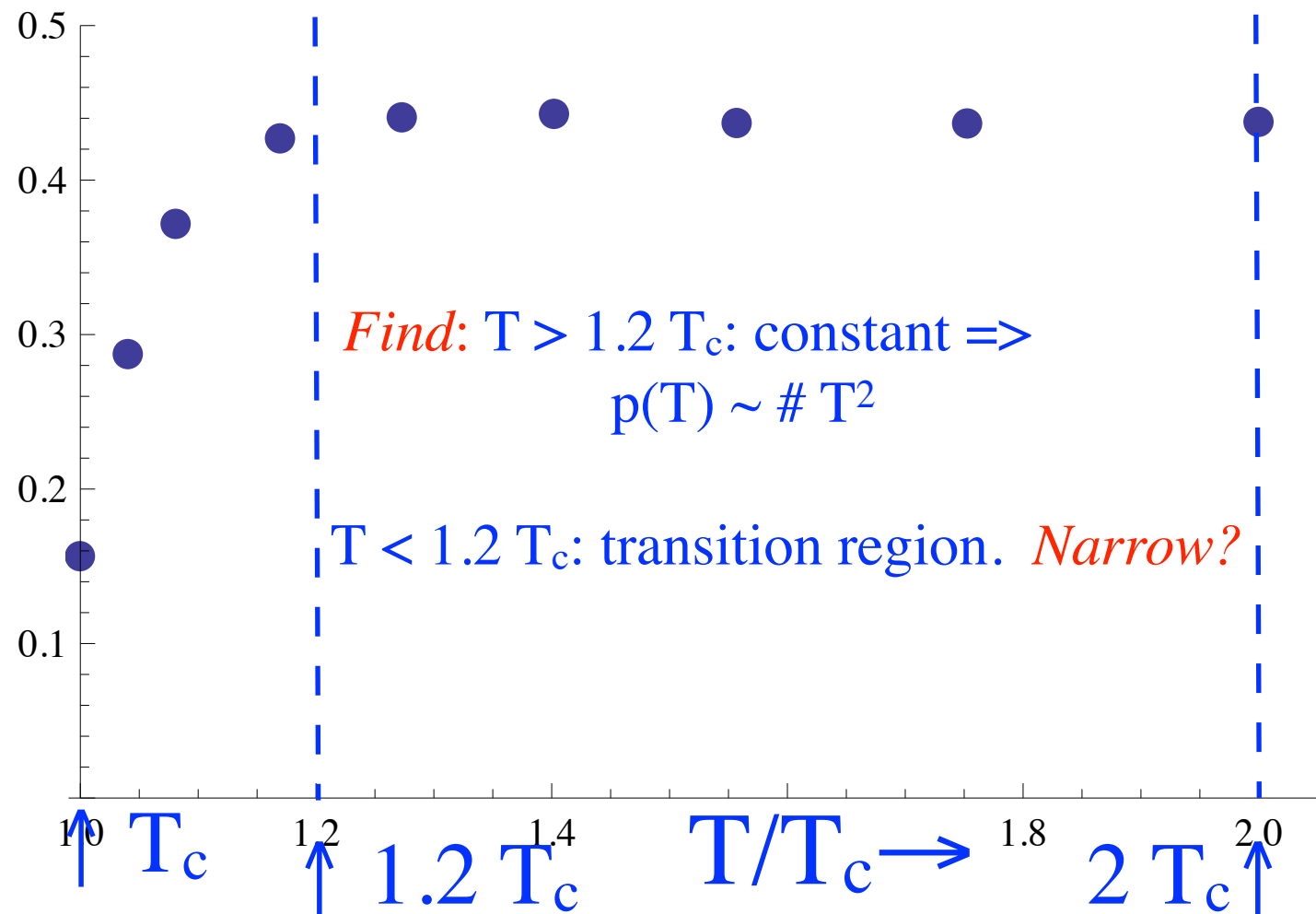
# Lattice: *hidden* scaling of the pressure

$(e-3p)/T^4 \times (T^2/T_c^2)$  *approximately* constant near  $T_c$ :

Meisinger, Miller, & Ogilvie, ph/0108009; RDP, ph/0608242

$$p(T) \approx \# T^2 (T^2 - c T_c^2), \quad c = 1.00 \pm .01$$

$$\frac{1}{8} \frac{e - 3p}{T^4} \frac{T^2}{T_c^2} \uparrow$$



WHOT: Umeda, Ejiri, Aoki,  
 Hatusda, Kanaya, Maezawa,  
 Ohno, 0809.2842

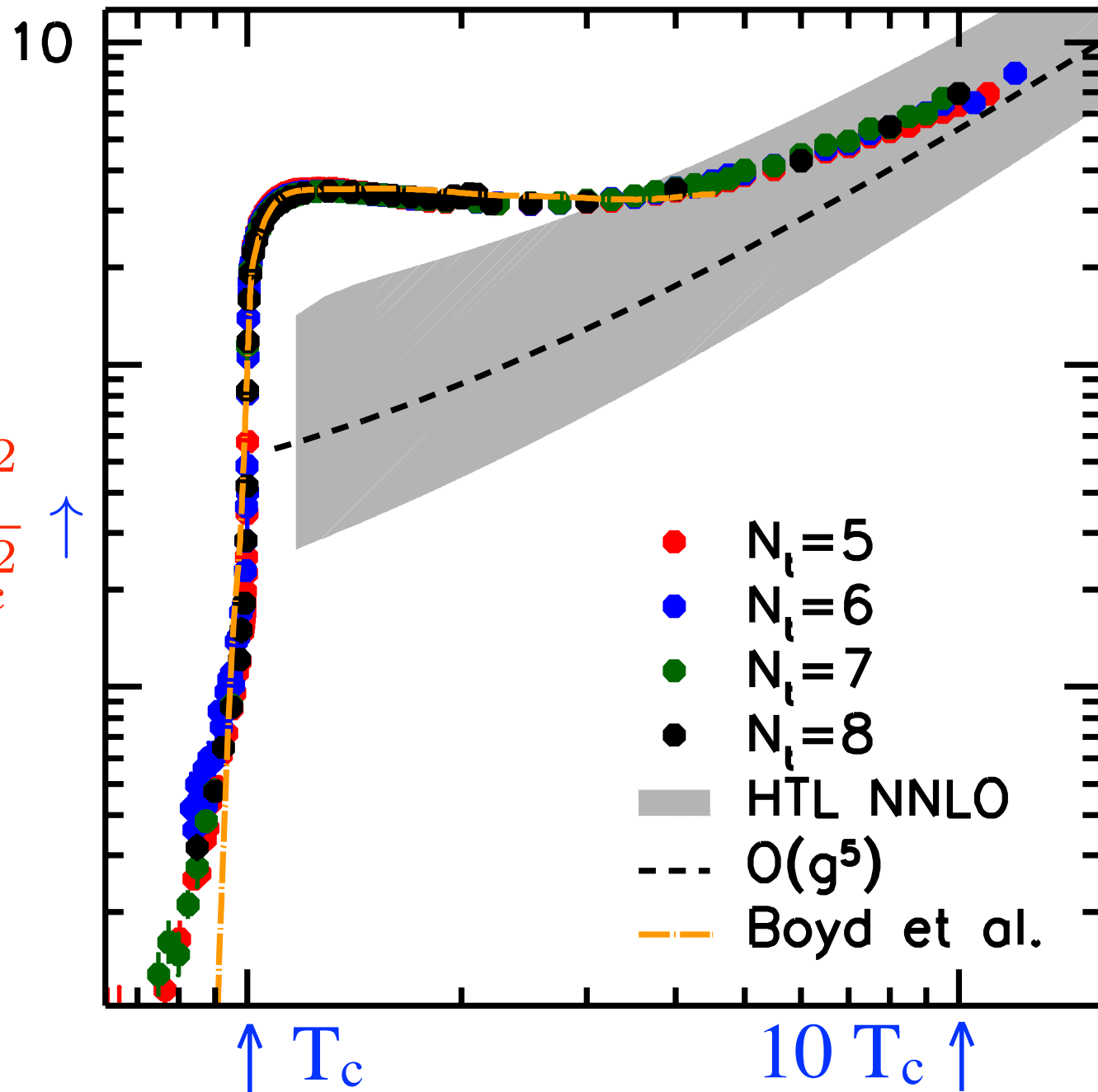
# Lattice: hidden scaling, redux

$T_c \rightarrow 4 T_c$ :

For pressure, leading corrections to ideality,  $T^4$ , are *not* a bag constant,  $T^0$ , but  $\sim T^2$  - ? Take as *given*.

$$\frac{e - 3p}{T^4} \propto \frac{T^2}{T_c^2} \uparrow$$

Borsanyi, Endrodi, Fodor, Katz,  
& Szabo, 1204.6184

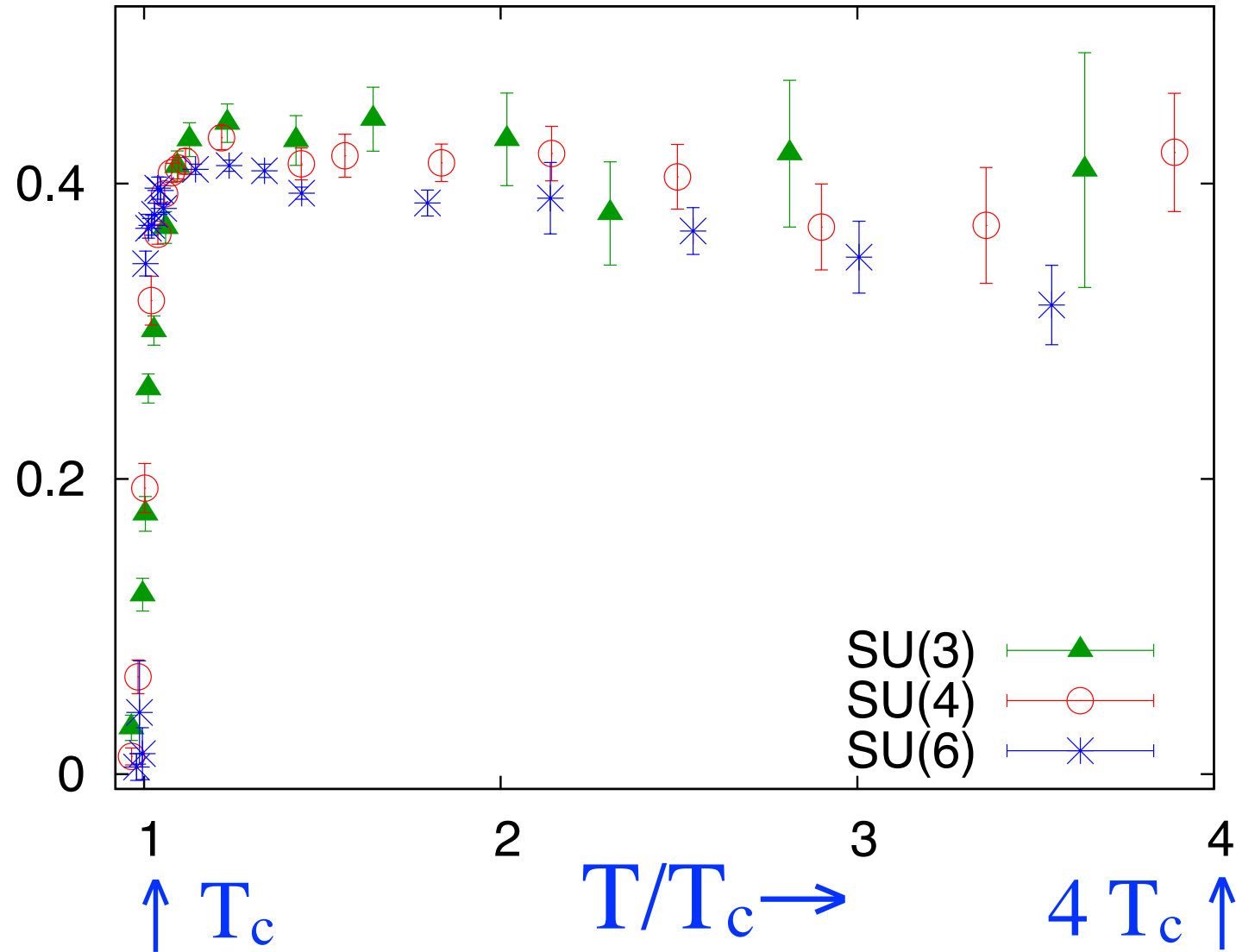


# Lattice: hidden scaling, 3 to 6 colors

Hidden scaling holds for  $N = 3, 4, 6$ :

$$\frac{1}{N^2 - 1} \frac{e - 3p}{T^2 T_c^2} \uparrow$$

Datta & Gupta, 1006.0938

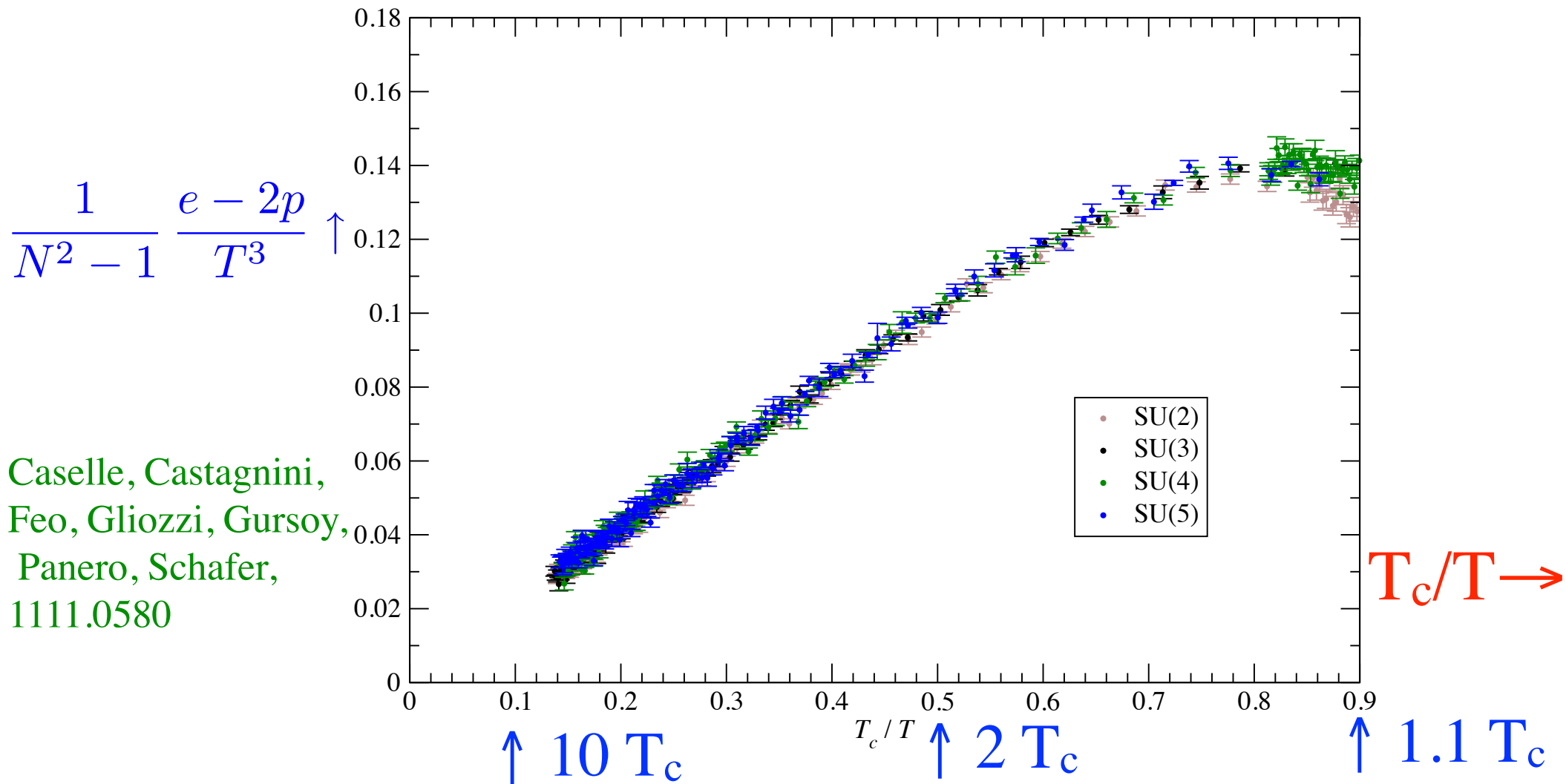




# Lattice: hidden scaling, SU(N) in 2+1 dimensions

In 2+ 1 dimensions, hidden scaling again  $\sim T^2$ : *not* a mass term,  $\sim m^2 T$ :

$$p(T) \approx \# T^2 (T - c T_c), \quad c \approx 1.$$

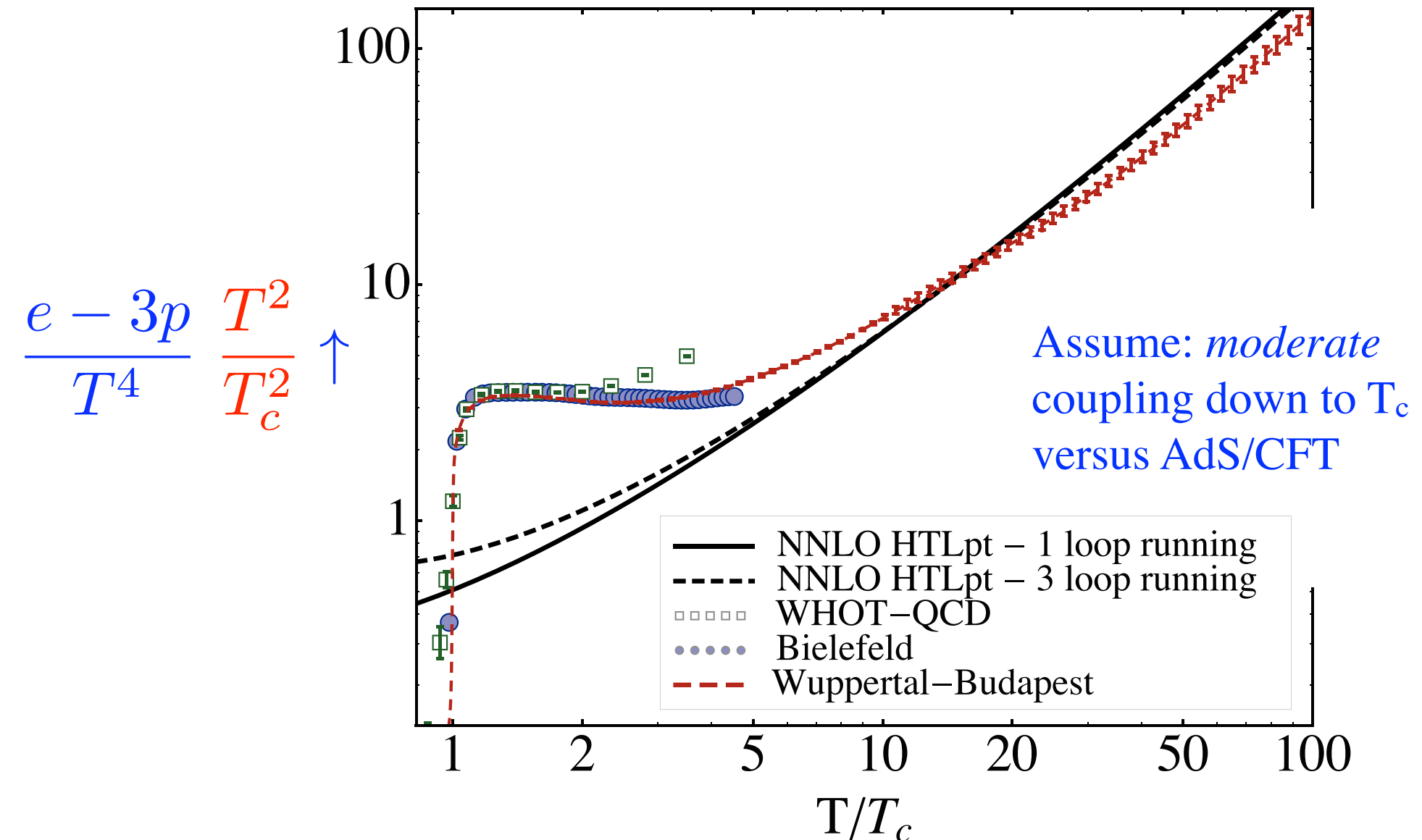




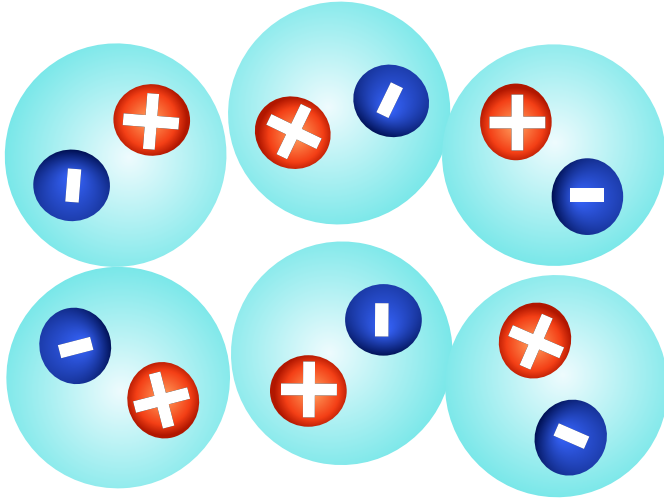
# Moderate coupling, down to $T_c$

QCD coupling is *not* so big at  $T_c$ ,  $\alpha(2\pi T_c) \sim 0.3$  (runs like  $\alpha(2\pi T)$  )

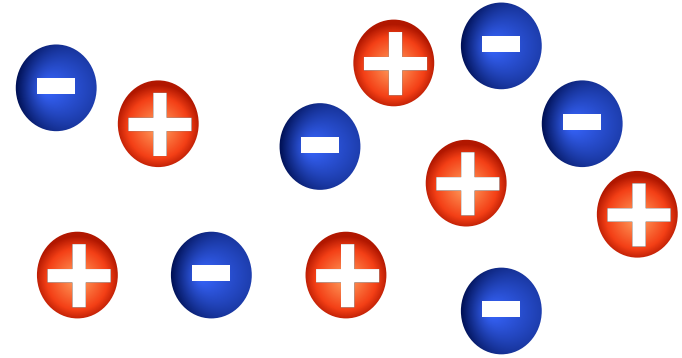
HTL perturbation theory at NNLO: Andersen, Leganger, Strickland, & Su, 1105.0514



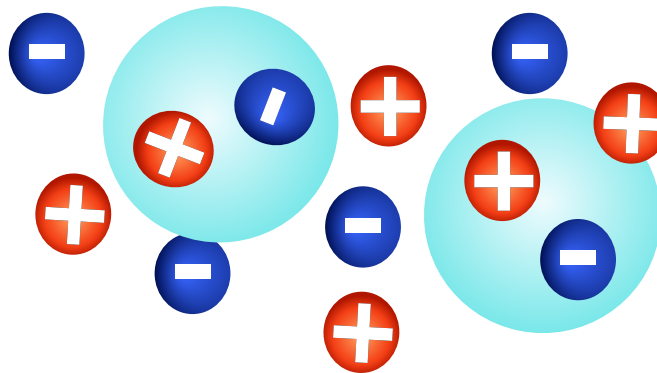
# IONIZATION IN QED PLASMA



Neutral state  $\leadsto$  atoms,  
electric neutrality  $>$  atomic scales

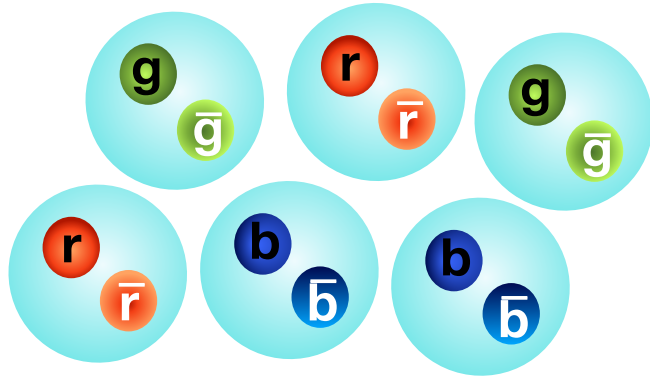


Completely ionized plasma  $\leadsto$  plasma  
with freely moving electric charges

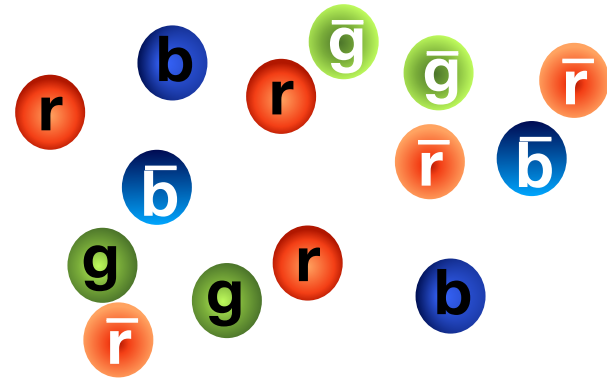


Partially ionized plasma  $\leadsto$  *partially* ionized plasma with atoms and electric charges

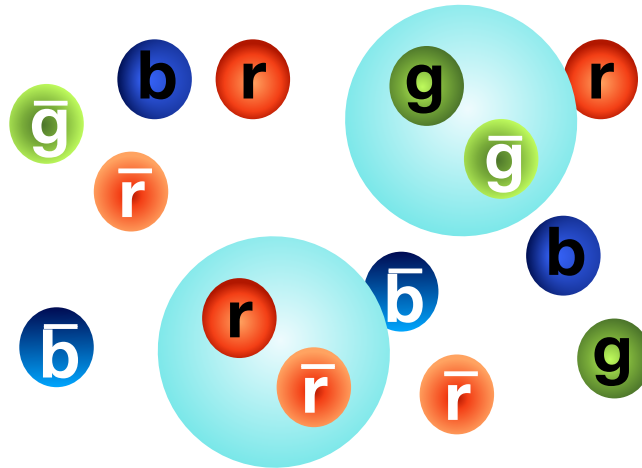
# IONIZATION IN QCD PLASMA



Neutral state  $\leadsto$  confined phase,  
color neutrality  $>$  hadronic scale



Completely ionized plasma  $\leadsto$   
perturbative QGP with freely moving  
charges



Partially ionized plasma  $\leadsto$  *partial* ionization of color: hadrons and color charges;  
semi-QGP, nontrivial holonomy

# Z(N) symmetry and Polyakov Loops

$\mathbf{L} = \text{SU}(N)$  matrix, trace = Polyakov loop,  $l$ :

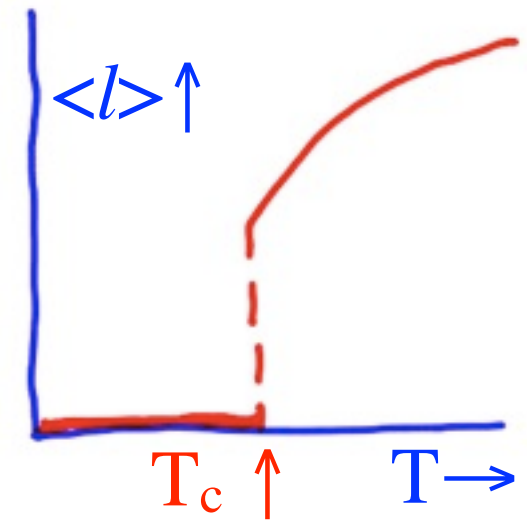
$$\ell = \frac{1}{N} \text{tr } \mathbf{L}$$

$\langle l \rangle$  measures color ionization:  $\langle \ell \rangle \sim e^{-F_{\text{test qk}}/T}$

Confinement  $\Rightarrow$  no ionization of color,  
 $\Rightarrow \langle l \rangle = 0, T < T_c$ :  $Z(N)$  *symmetric* phase.

Color ionized above  $T_c$ , so  
 $\langle l \rangle \neq 0, T > T_c$ ,  $Z(N)$  broken

$Z(N)$  symmetry *essential* to deconfinement in  $\text{SU}(N)$



Svetitsky and Yaffe '80:

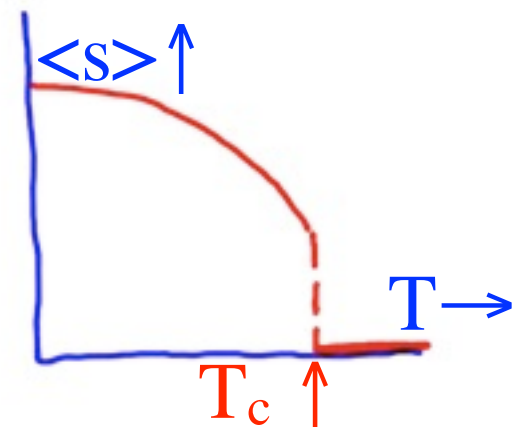
$\text{SU}(3)$  1st order because of  $Z(3)$  symmetry:

Eff. Lag. of *loops* has cubic terms,  $l^3 + (l^*)^3$ .

Does *not* apply for  $N > 3$ .

So why is deconfinement 1st order for *all*  $N \geq 3$ ?

Ordinary spins,  $s$ :

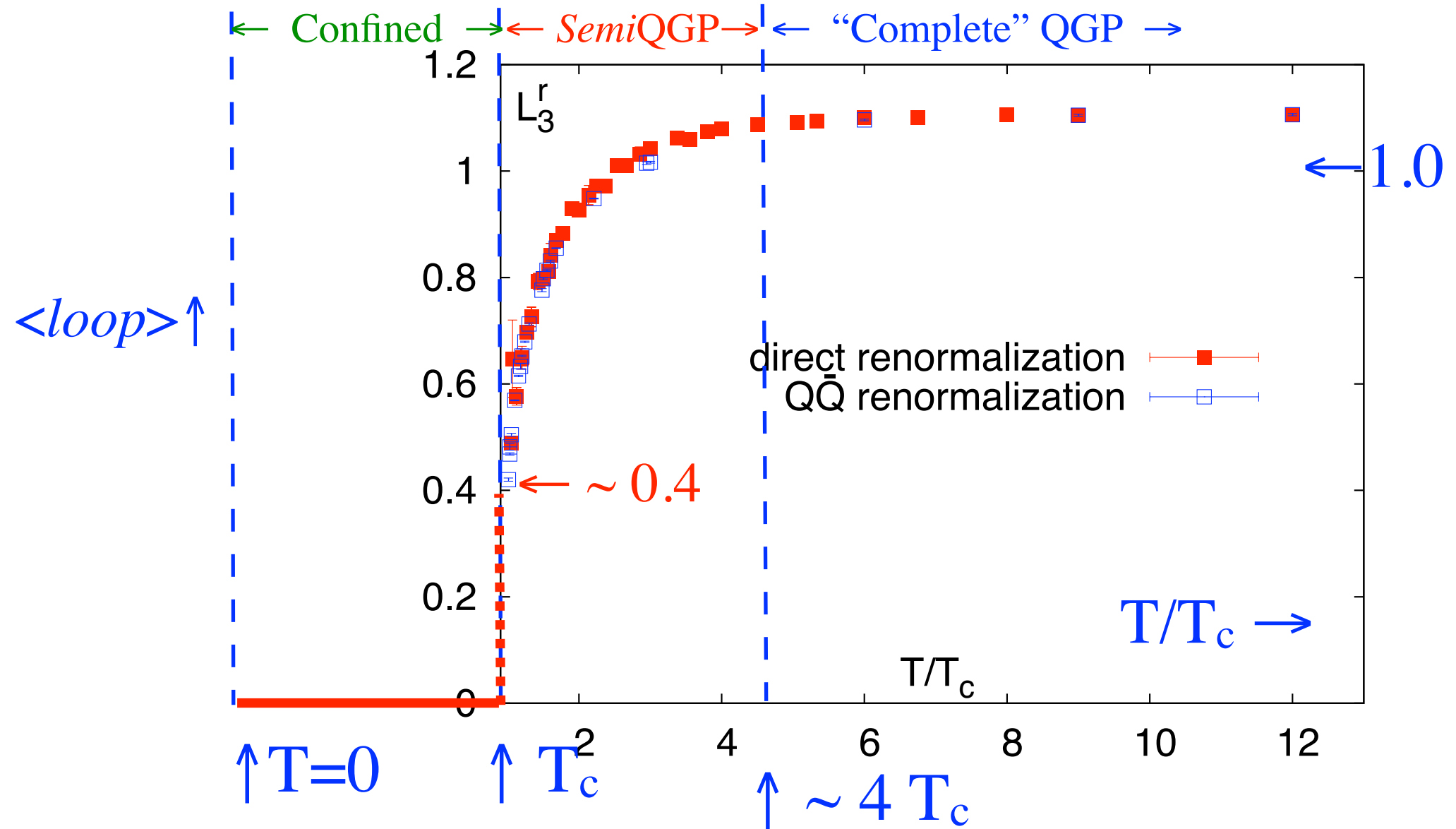


# Polyakov loops from Lattice: pure Glue, no Quarks

Lattice: (*renormalized*) Polyakov loop. Strict order parameter

Three colors: Gupta, Hubner, Kaczmarek, 0711.2251.

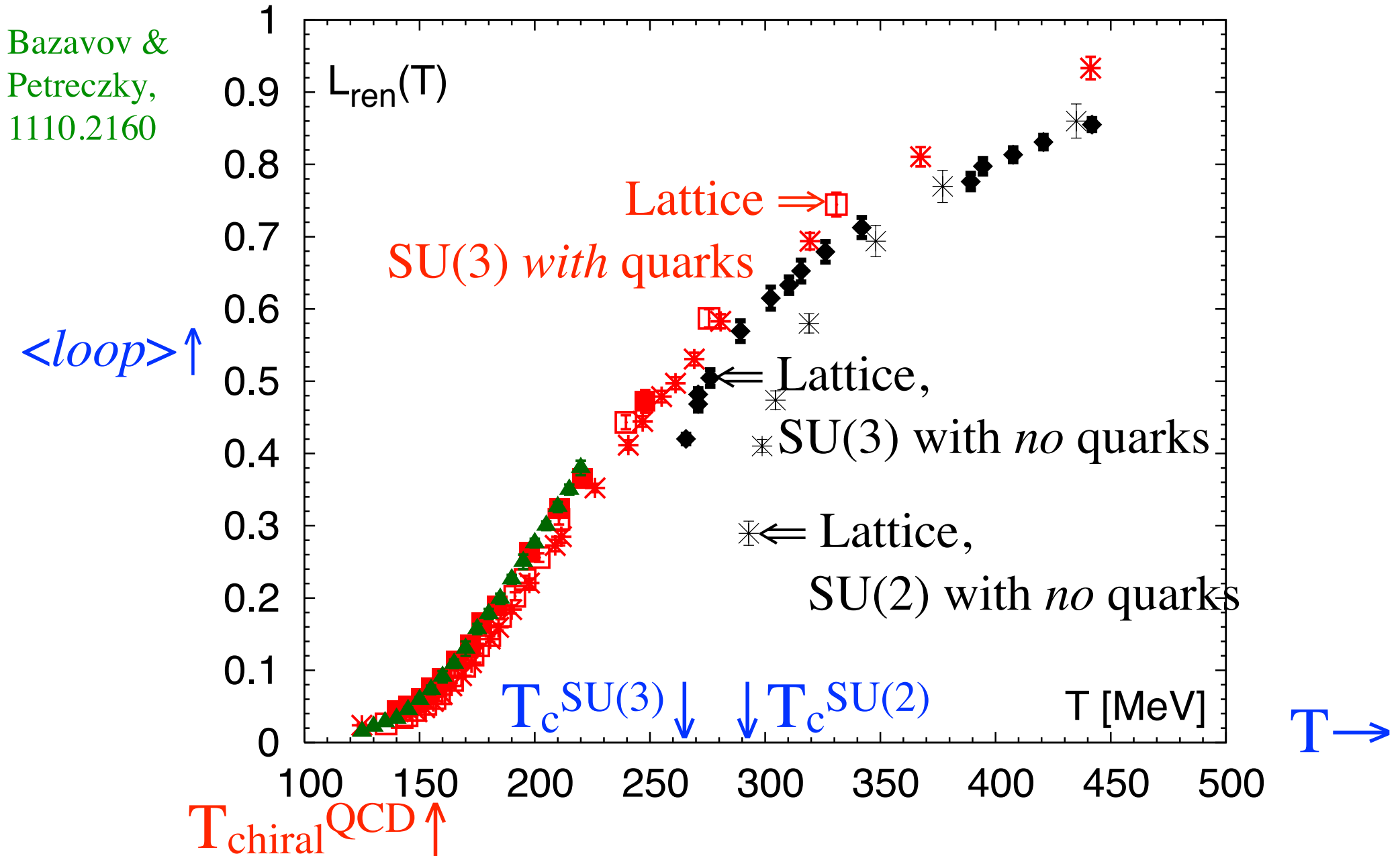
Suggests *wide* transition region, like pressure, to  $\sim 4 T_c$ .



# Loop with, and without, quarks

Matrix Model: use *same*  $T_c$  with quarks. Loop turns on below  $T_c$ .  
Chiral transition is *not* tied to deconfinement. Like lattice results:

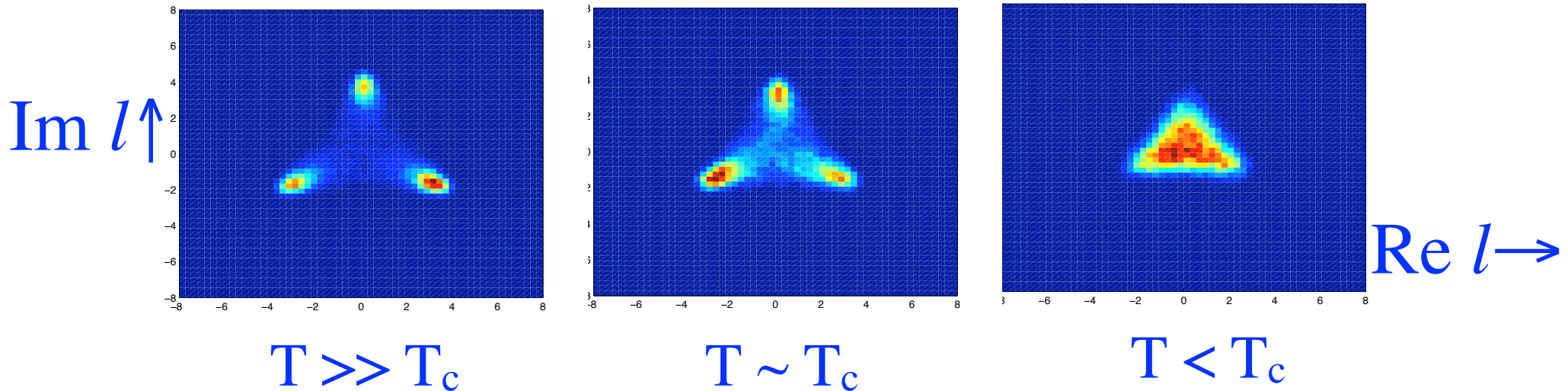
Bazavov &  
Petreczky,  
1110.2160



# Z(3) symmetry and 't Hooft loops

Lattice, A. Kurkela, unpub.'d: 3 colors, loop  $l$  complex.

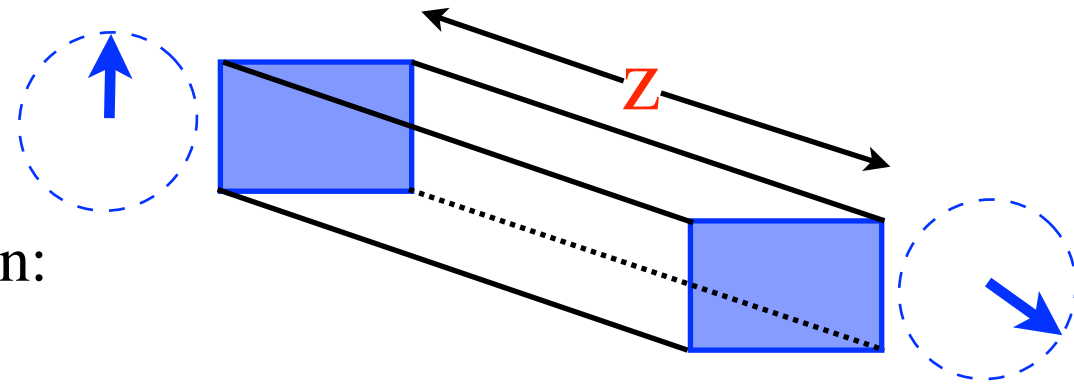
Distribution of loop shows Z(3) symmetry. Cannot ignore Z(3)!



Interface tension: box long in  $z$ .

Each end: distinct but *degenerate* vacua.

Interface forms, action  $\sim$  interface tension:



$T > T_c$ : order-order interface = 't Hooft loop:

Measures response to *magnetic charge*

Korthals-Altes, Kovner, & Stephanov, hep-ph/9909516

$$Z \sim e^{-\sigma_{int} V_{tr}}$$

Also: *if* transition 1st order, order-*disorder* interface tension at  $T_c$ .



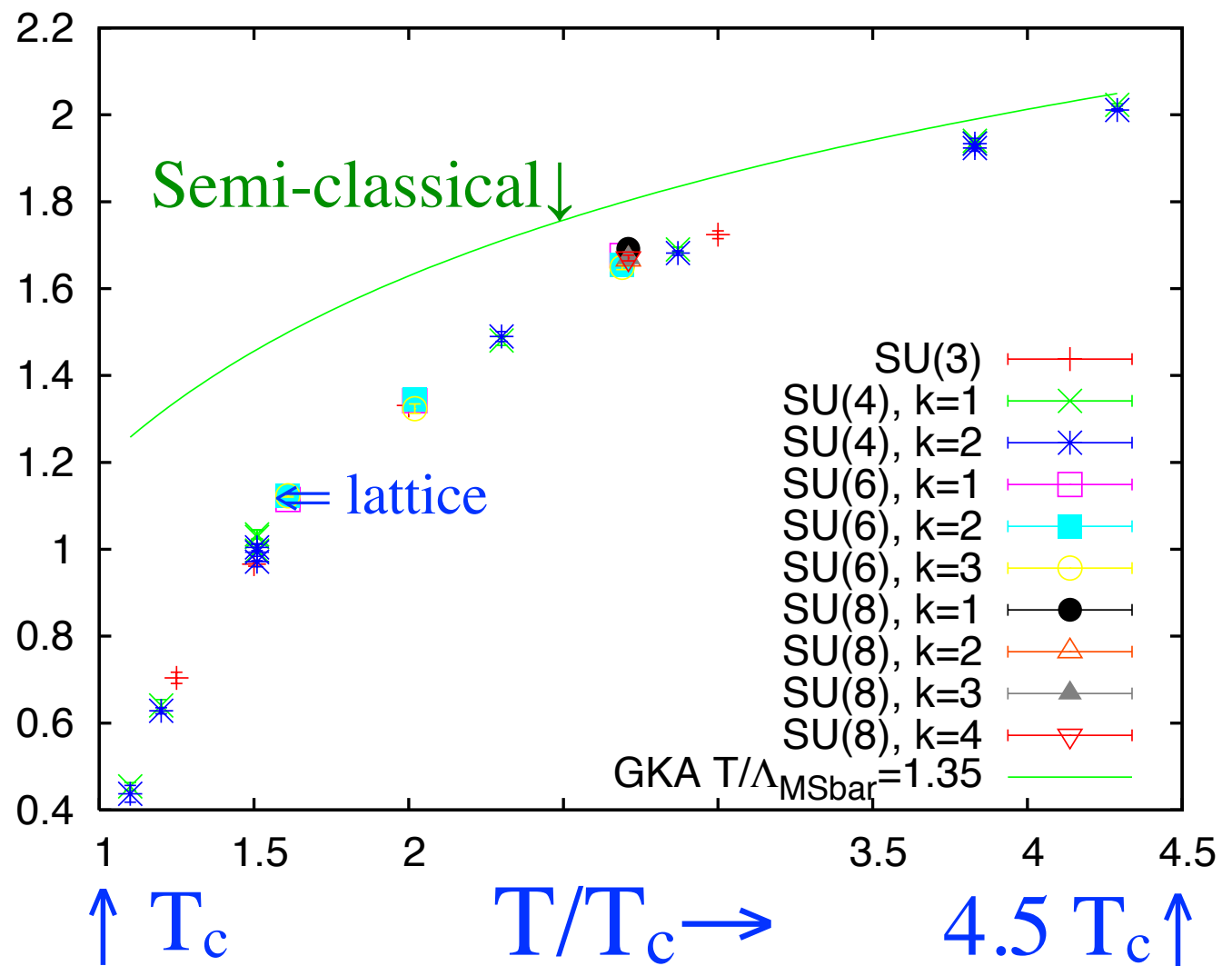
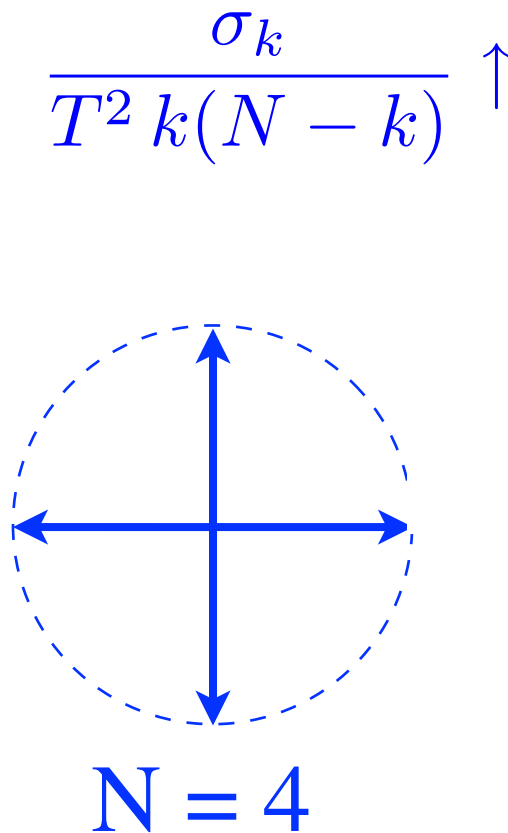
# Lattice: 't Hooft loops $\sigma$ near $T_c$

Lattice: de Forcrand & Noth, lat/0510081.  $\sigma \sim$  universal with  $N$

Semi-classical  $\sigma$  : Giovanengelli & Korthals-Altes ph/0102022; /0212298; /0412322: *GKA '04*

Above  $4 T_c$ , semi-class  $\sigma \sim$  lattice. Below  $4 T_c$ , lattice  $\sigma \ll$  semi-classical  $\sigma$ .

Interface tensions *small* at  $T_c$  for all  $N$



# Other models for the "s" QGP,

From  $\sim T_c$  to  $\sim$  a few times  $T_c$ : "s" = strong? Strong coupling or...

# Other models

**Massive quasiparticles:** Peshier, Kampf, Pavlenko, Soff '96...Peshier & Cassing, ph/0502138 Bratkovskaya + ...1101.5793 Castorina, Miller, Satz 1101.1255 + ....

Mass decreases pressure, so adjust  $m(T)$  to fit  $p(T)$ : **three parameters**.

$$p(T) = \# T^4 - m^2 T^2 + \dots$$

**Polyakov loops:** Fukushima ph/0310121...Hell, Kashiwa, Weise 1104.0572

Effective potential of Polyakov loops.

$$V_{eff}(T) \sim m^2 \ell^* \ell + T \log f(\ell^* \ell)$$

Potential has **five parameters**

1 variable, trace of (thermal) Wilson line,  $\mathbf{L}$

Matrix model for  $SU(N)$ :  $N-1$  eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{L}$ .

$$m^2 = T^4 \sum_{i=0}^3 a_i (T_c/T)^i$$

**AdS/CFT:** Gubser, Nellore 0804.0434...Gursoy, Kiritsis, Mazzanti, Nitti, 0903.2859

Add potential for dilaton,  $\phi$ , to fit pressure.

Only infinite  $N$ , **two parameters**

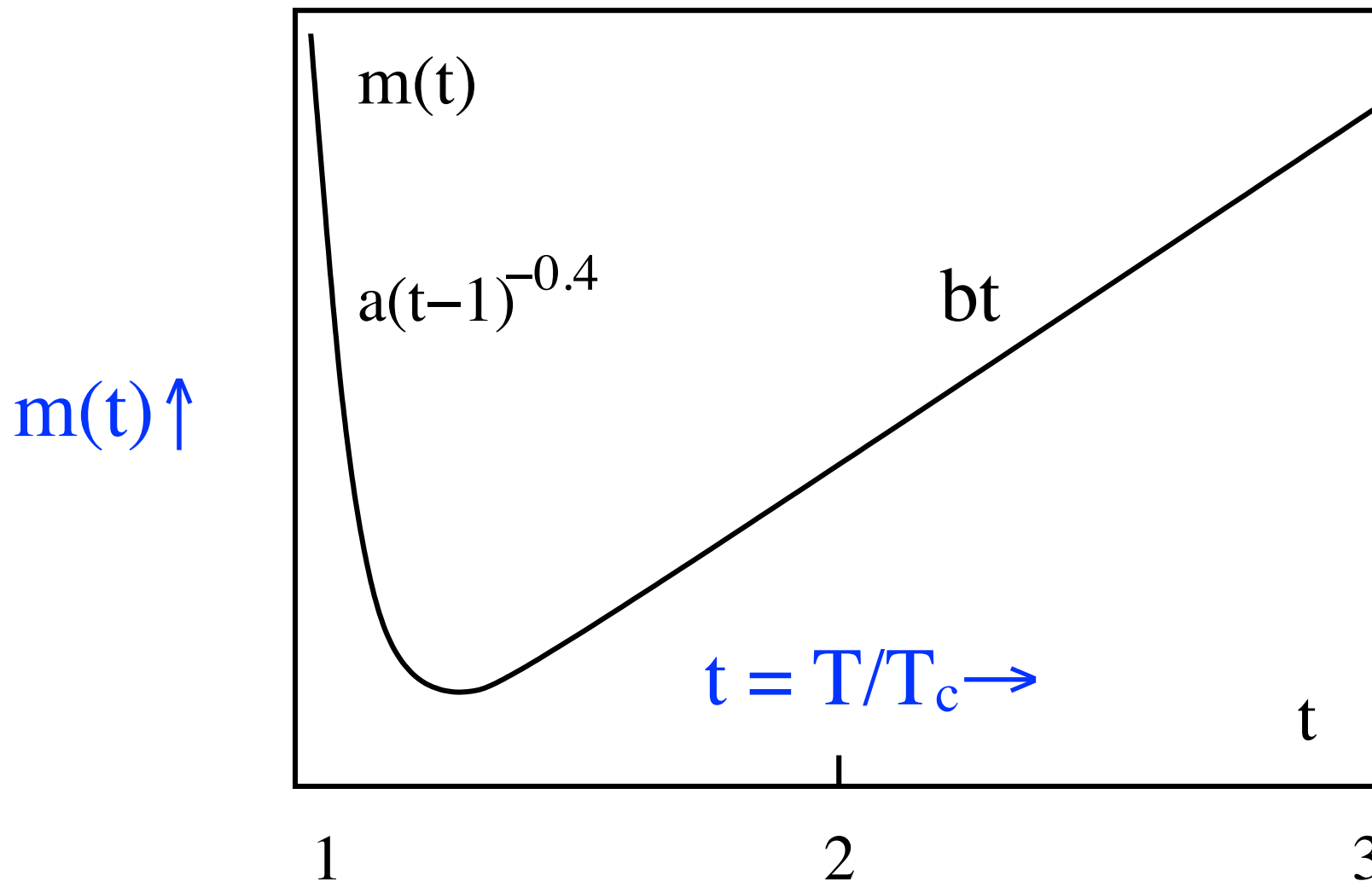
$$V(\phi) \sim \cosh(\gamma\phi) + b\phi^2$$

# Quasiparticle Model

Castorina, Miller, Satz 1101.1255:

Since peak in  $(e-3p)/T^4$  is near  $T_c$ , involved form for quasiparticle mass:

$$m_{\text{gluon}}(T) = a(t - 1)^{-0.41} + bt ; t = T/T_c$$



# Yet more models

Linear model of Wilson lines: Vuorinen & Yaffe, ph/0604100;  
de Forcrand, Kurkela, & Vuorinen, 0801.1566; Zhang, Brauer, Kurkela, & Vuorinen, 1104.0572

$$V_{eff}(\mathbf{Z}) = m^2 \operatorname{tr} \mathbf{Z}^\dagger \mathbf{Z} + \kappa (\det \mathbf{Z} + c.c.) + \lambda \operatorname{tr} (\mathbf{Z}^\dagger \mathbf{Z})^2 + \dots$$

Narrow transition region: Braun, Gies, Pawłowski, 0708.2413;  
Marhauser & Pawłowski, 0812.1444; Braun, Eichhorn, Gies, & Pawłowski, 1007.2619

Deriving effective theory from QCD:

Monopoles: Liao & Shuryak, ph/0611131, 0706.4465, 0804.0255, 0804.4890, 0810.4116,  
1206.3989; Shuryak & Sulejmanpasic, 1201.5624

Dyons: Diakonov & Petrov, th/0404042, 0704.3181, 0906.2456, 1011.5636

Bions: Unsal, 0709.3269; Simic & Unsal 1010.5515; Poppitz, Schaefer, & Unsal 1205.0290

# Matrix model: two colors

Just expand about *constant*, diagonal  $A_0$

*Necessary* to include physics of  $Z(N)$  vacua

Deconfining transition 2nd order for two colors

A. Dumitru, Y. Guo, Y. Hidaka, C. Korthals-Altes & RDP, 1205.0137

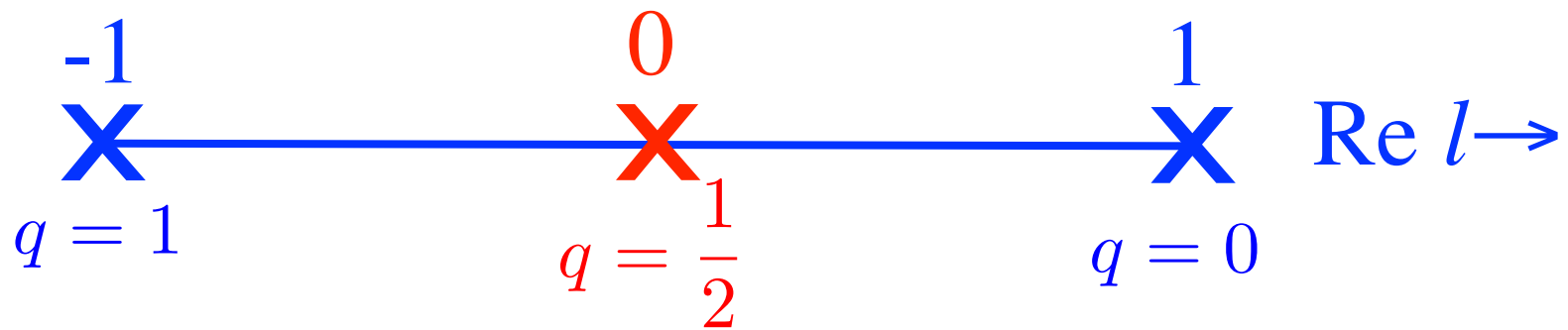
# Matrix model: SU(2)

*Simplest* possible approx.: model *constant* gauge transf.'s with *constant*  $A_0 \sim \sigma_3$ :

$$A_0^{cl} = \frac{\pi T}{g} q \sigma_3, \quad \sigma_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{L}(q) = \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\pi q} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\pi q} \end{pmatrix}$$

Loop  $l$  real.  $Z(2)$  degenerate vacua  $q = 0$  and  $1$ :

$$\ell = \cos(\pi q)$$



Point *halfway* in between:  $q = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $l = 0$ .  
 Confined vacuum,  $\mathbf{L}_c$ ,

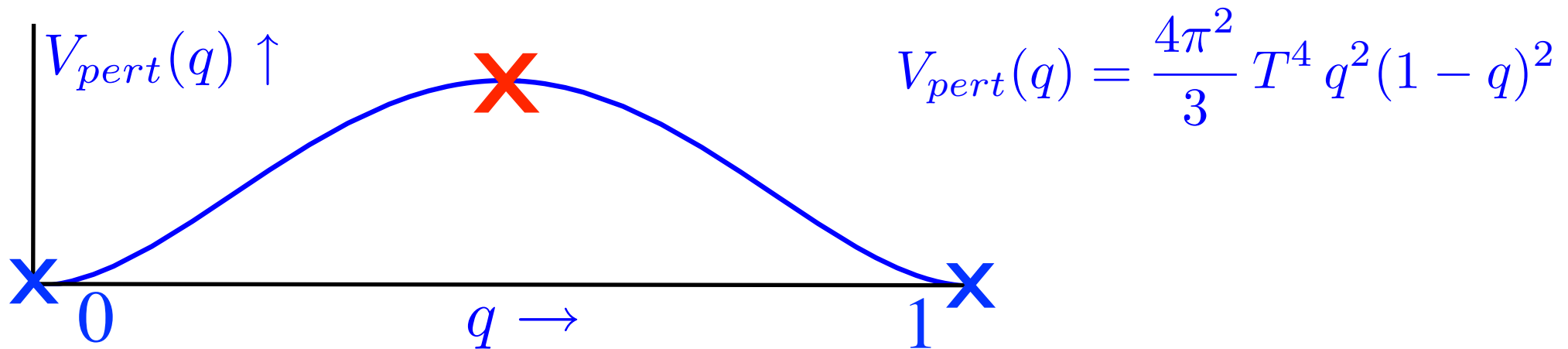
$$\mathbf{L}_c = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$$

Classically,  $A_0^{cl}$  has zero action: *no* potential for  $q$ .



# Potential for $q$ , interface tension

Potential for  $q$  at one loop order: Gross, RDP, Yaffe, '81



Use  $V_{pert}(q)$  to compute 't Hooft loop:

Bhattacharya, Gocksch, Korthals-Altes, RDP, ph/9205231.

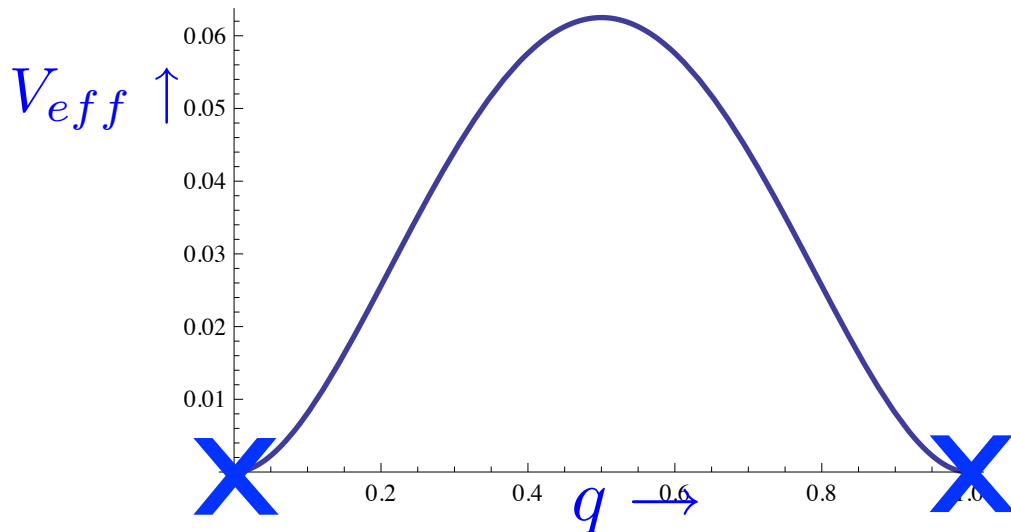
$$V_{tot}(q) = \frac{2\pi^2 T^2}{g^2} \left( \frac{dq}{dz} \right)^2 + V_{pert}(q) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sigma = \frac{4\pi^2}{3\sqrt{6}} \frac{T^2}{\sqrt{g^2}}$$

# Cartoons of deconfinement

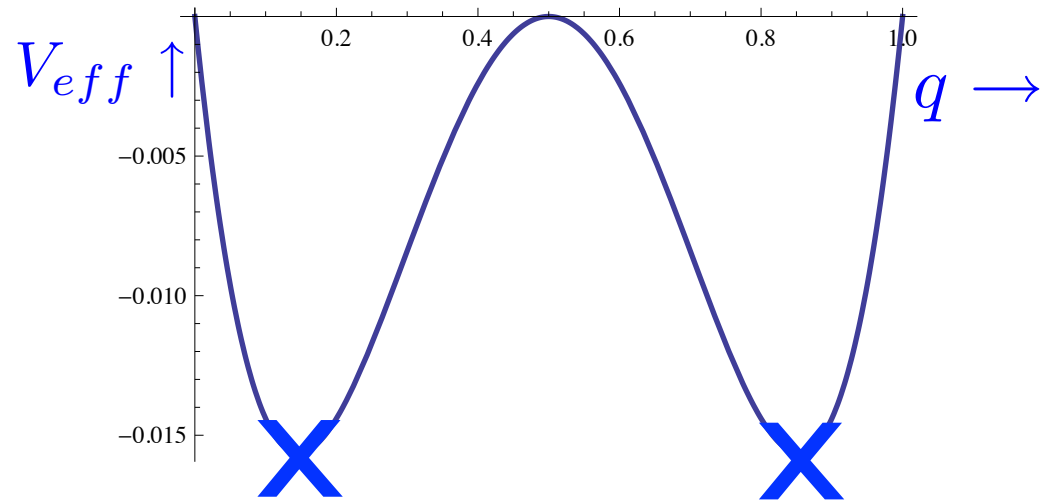
Consider:

$$V_{eff} = q^2(1 - q)^2 - a q(1 - q), \quad a \sim T_c^2/T^2$$

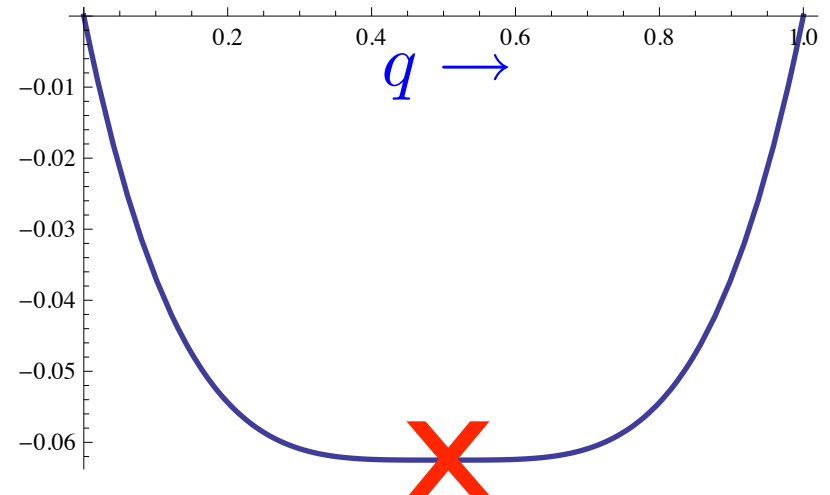
↓  $a = 0$ : complete QGP



↓  $a = 1/4$ : semi QGP



$a = 1/2$ :  $T_c \Rightarrow$   
Stable vacuum at  $q = 1/2$   
Transition *second* order



# Matrix model: $N = 3$

At infinite  $N$ , constant  $A_0$  is the "master field" for the semi-QGP

Matrix model: implicitly, expansion in large  $N$

Effective Lagrangian? *Only* from the lattice

N.B.: matrix model gives a first order transition for *all*  $N \geq 3$

A. Dumitru, Y. Guo, Y. Hidaka, C. Korthals-Altes & RDP, 1205.0137

# Confining vacuum in SU(3)

Consider path along  $\lambda_3 = \text{diag}(1, -1, 0)$ :

When  $q_3 = 1$ :

$$\mathbf{L} = e^{2\pi i q_3 \lambda_3 / 3}$$

$$\mathbf{L}_c = \begin{pmatrix} e^{2\pi i/3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-2\pi i/3} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

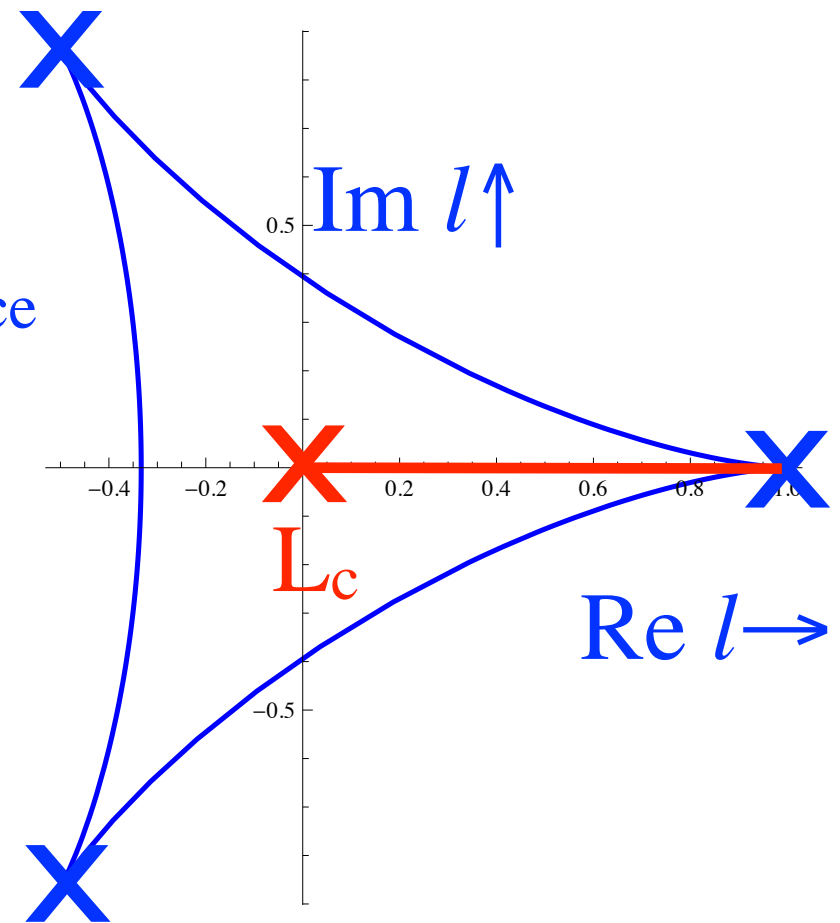
Elements of  $e^{2\pi i/3} \mathbf{L}_c$  same as those of  $\mathbf{L}_c$ . Hence

$$\text{tr } \mathbf{L}_c = \text{tr } \mathbf{L}_c^2 = 0$$

$\mathbf{L}_c$  is the confining vacuum, **X**:

“center” of space in  $\lambda_3$  and  $\lambda_8 = \text{diag}(1, 1, -2)$

Move from deconfined vacuum,  $\mathbf{L} = \mathbf{1}$ ,  
to the confined vacua,  $\mathbf{L}_c$ , along red line:



# Matrix model: details

*Simplest* ansatz: constant, diagonal  $A_0$ :

$$A_0^{ij} = \frac{2\pi T}{g} q_i \delta^{ij}, \quad i, j = 1 \dots N$$

At 1-loop order, perturbative potential

$$V_{pert}(q) = \frac{2\pi^2}{3} T^4 \left( -\frac{4}{15} (N^2 - 1) + \sum_{i,j} q_{ij}^2 (1 - q_{ij})^2 \right), \quad q_{ij} = |q_i - q_j|$$

*Assume* non-perturbative potential  $\sim T^2 T_c^2$ :

$$V_{non}(q) = \frac{2\pi^2}{3} T^2 T_c^2 \left( -\frac{c_1}{5} \sum_{i,j} q_{ij} (1 - q_{ij}) - c_2 \sum_{i,j} q_{ij}^2 (1 - q_{ij})^2 + \frac{4}{15} c_3 \right) + B T_c^4$$

For  $SU(N)$ ,  $\sum_{j=1 \dots N} q_j = 0$ . Hence  $N-1$  independent  $q_j$ 's, # diagonal generators.  
Two conditions: transition occurs at  $T_c$ , and pressure = 0 at  $T_c$ . Can do better!

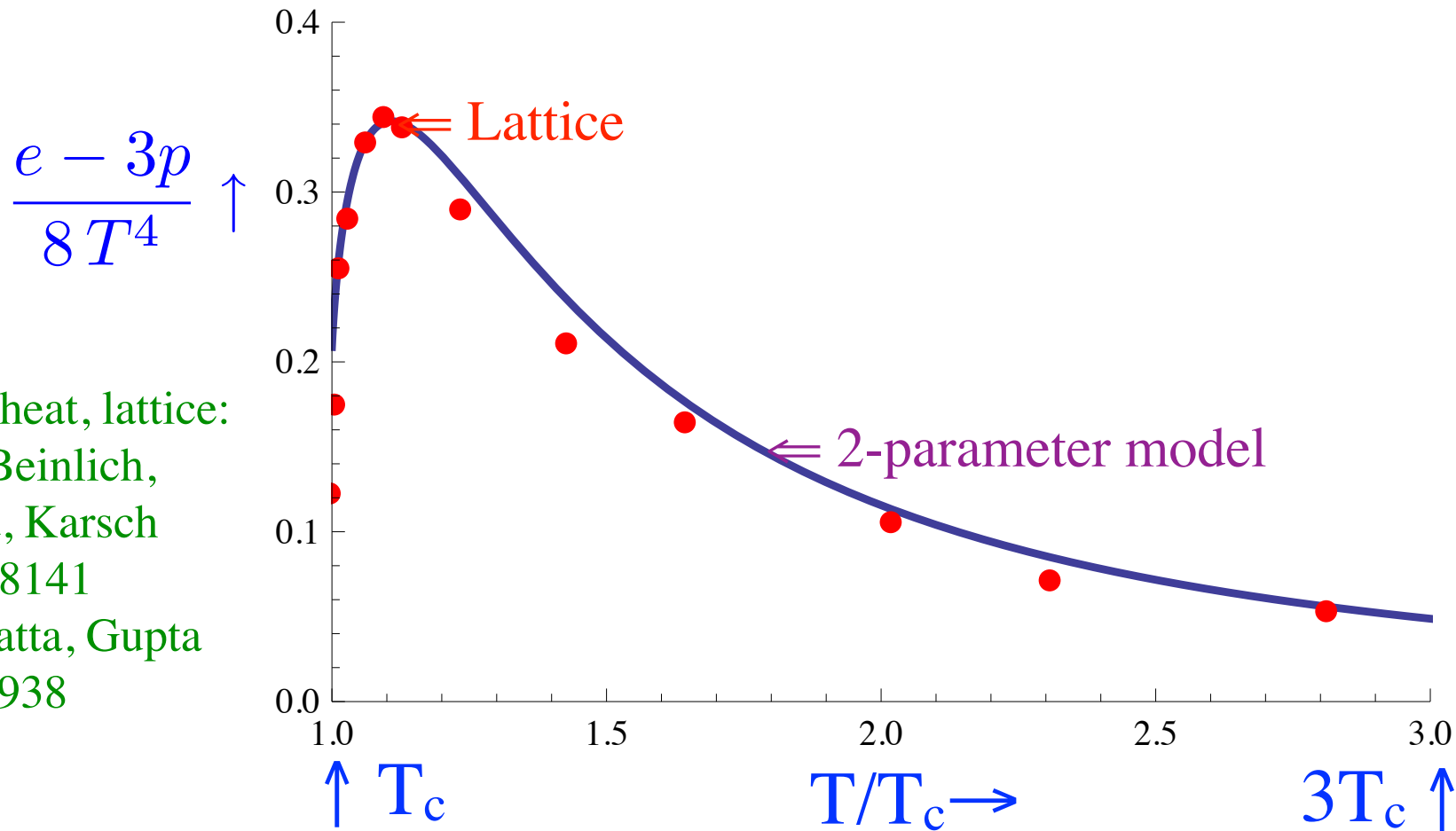
# Matrix model: parameters from the lattice

Choose 2 free parameters to fit:  
latent heat at  $T_c$ ,  $(e-3p)/T^4$  at large  $T$

$$c_1 = .88, c_2 = .55, c_3 = .95$$

Reasonable value for bag constant  $B$ :

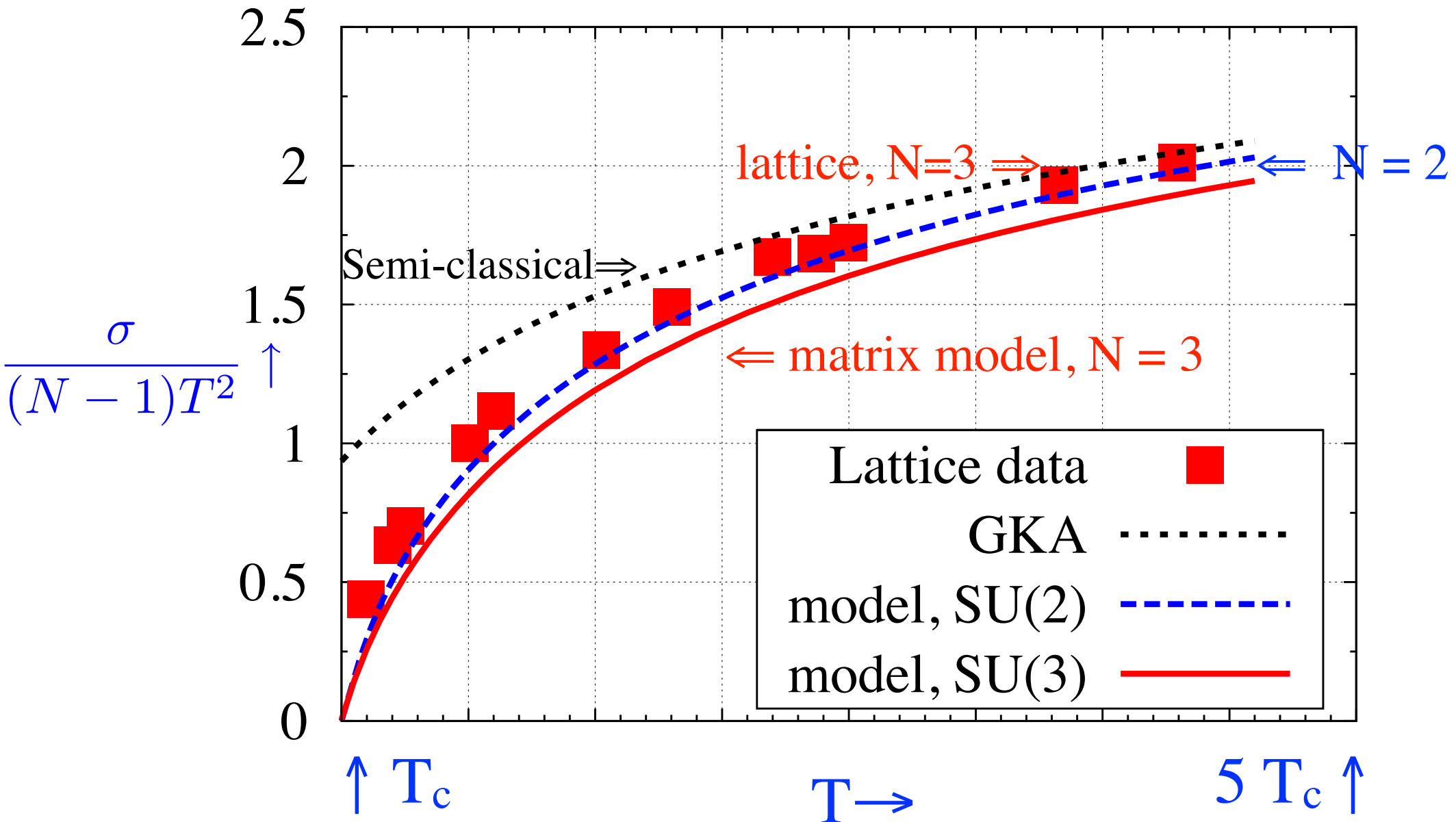
$$T_c = 270 \text{ MeV}, B \sim (262 \text{ MeV})^4$$



# Matrix model: 't Hooft loop vs lattice

Matrix model works well:

Lattice: de Forcrand, D'Elia, & Pepe, lat/0007034; de Forcrand & Noth lat/0506005



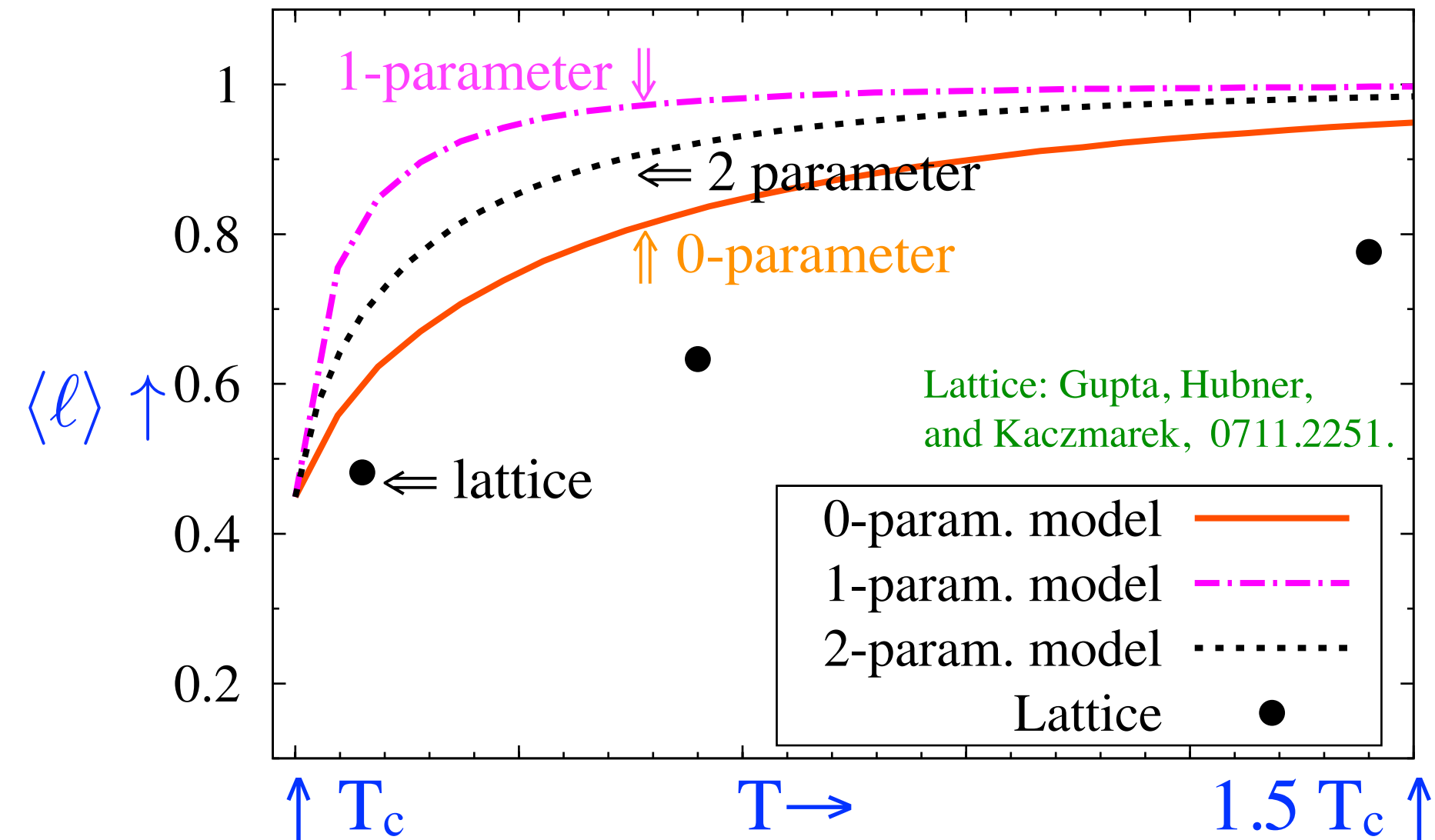


# Matrix model: Polyakov loop vs lattice

*Renormalized* Polyakov loop from lattice *nothing* like Matrix Model

Model: transition region *narrow*, to  $\sim 1.2 T_c$ . Lattice: loop *wide*, to  $\sim 4.0 T_c$ .

Can alter parameters to fit Polyakov loop; do not fit latent heat with 2 parameters



# Heavy quarks in the matrix model

Position of the deconfining critical endpoint

Kashiwa, RDP, & Skokov 1205.0545

# Adding heavy quarks

Quarks add to the perturbative q-potential,

$$V_{pert}^{qk}(q) = -\text{tr} \log(\not{D}^{cl} + m) \sim -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi^{3/2}} T^{5/2} m^{3/2} e^{-m/T} \text{Re tr } \mathbf{L} + \dots$$

Plus terms  $\sim e^{-2m/T} \text{Re tr } \mathbf{L}^2$ , etc. Quarks act like background  $Z(3)$  field.

Heavy quarks wash out deconfinement at Deconfining Critical Endpoint, DCE.

For the DCE, first term works to  $\sim 1\%$  for all quantities.

Add  $V_{pert}^{qk}(q)$  to the gluon potential, and change *nothing* else, same  $T_c$ .

Most straightforward approach. Naturally,  $T_{DCE} < T_c$ .

N.B.: Quarks generate v.e.v for  $\langle loop \rangle$  below  $T_c$ , and so become sensitive to details of pressure in the confined phase. Have to modify the potential by hand to avoid unphysical behavior (negative pressure)

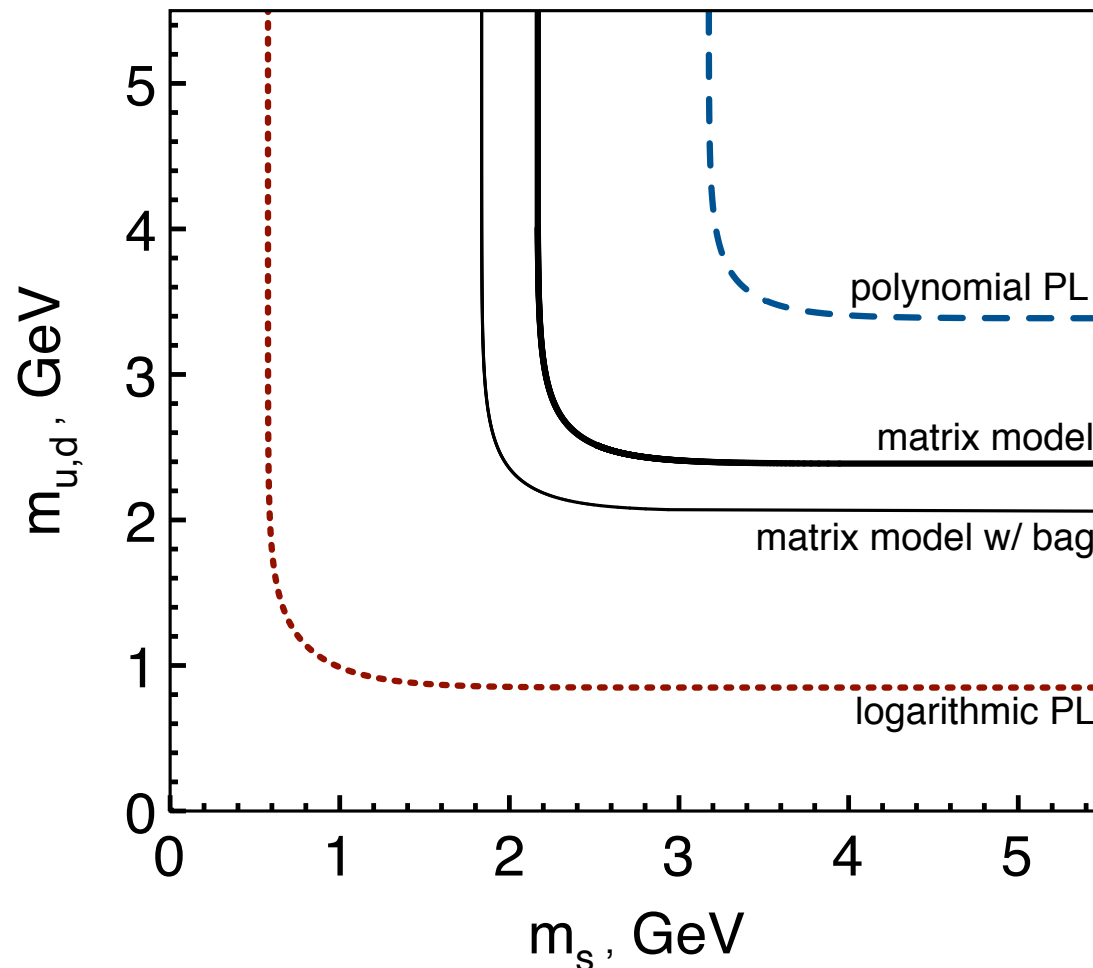
# Deconfining critical endpoint in matrix model

Matrix model:  $T_{\text{DCE}} \sim 0.991 T_c$   $m_{\text{DCE}} \sim 2.4 \text{ GeV}$  heavy

Lattice:  $T_{\text{DCE}} \sim 0.998 T_c$   $m_{\text{DCE}} \sim 2.2 \text{ GeV}$

hopping parameter expansion: Fromm, Langelage, Lottini, Philipsen, 1111.4953

Polyakov loop models:  $T_{\text{DCE}} \sim 0.90 T_c$   $m_{\text{DCE}} \sim 1 \text{ GeV} \ll$  lattice result

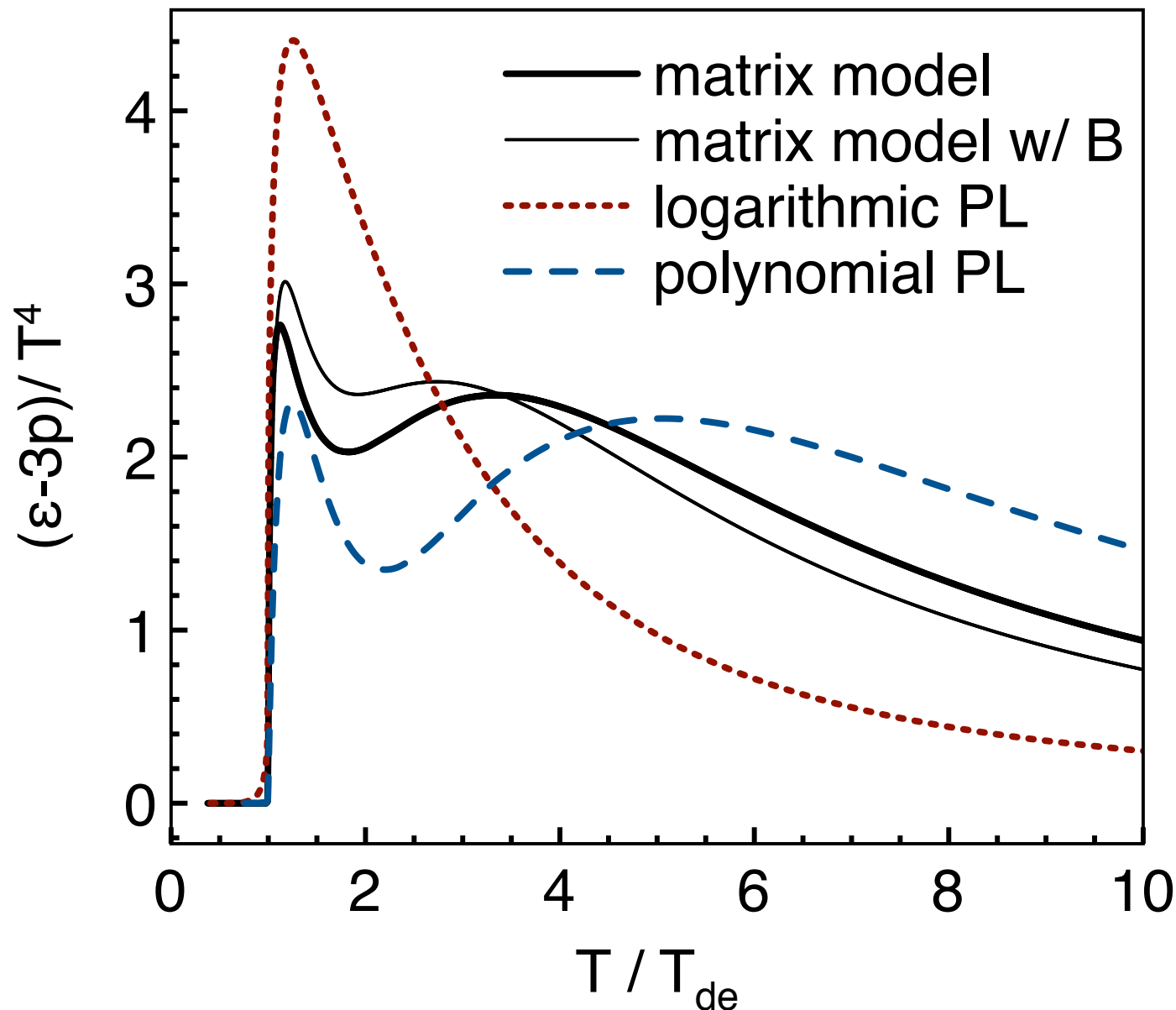


# Matrix model: prediction for interaction measure

For three flavors, matrix model gives two bumps in  $(\epsilon-3p)/T^4$

One just above  $T_{DCE}$  from gluons, another at  $\sim 4 T_{DCE}$ , from quarks.

Due to heavy  $m_{DCE}$ . Does not happen for models with light  $m_{DCE}$



# Matrix model for $SU(\infty)$

Novel phase transition, Gross-Witten-Wadia

At infinite  $N$ , transition has aspects of both first *and* second order

E.g.: all interface tensions *vanish* at  $T_c$

RDP & Skokov, 1206.1329; Lin, RDP, & Skokov, 1301.7432

# Matrix model at infinite N

Use eigenvalue density,  $\rho(q)$ :  $A^0_i \sim q_i$ ,  $i = 1 \dots N$ , discrete sum  $\sum_i \Rightarrow \int dq \rho(q)$

$$V_n(q) = \int dq \int dq' \rho(q) \rho(q') |q - q'|^n (1 - |q - q'|)^n$$

Matrix model:  $V_1$  and  $V_2$ . Take derivatives of equation of motion, at  $T_c$  solution

$$\rho(q) = 1 + \cos(2\pi q) \quad , \quad q : -1/2 \rightarrow 1/2$$

Solution similar when  $T \neq T_c$ ,  $\rho(q) = 1 + b \cos(d q)$ .

Consider  $SU(N)$  on femtosphere: spatial sphere so small that coupling is small  
Sundberg, [th/9908001](#); Aharony, Marsano, Minwalla, Papadodimas, Van Raamsdonk, [th/0310285](#);  
Dumitru, Lenaghan, RDP, [ph/0410294](#)

Effective theory for the spatially static model includes Vandermonde determinant

$$\# \left| \int dq \rho(q) e^{2\pi i q} \right|^2 + \int dq \int dq' \rho(q) \rho(q') \log |e^{2\pi i q} - e^{2\pi i q'}|$$

At  $T_c$ , eigenvalue density for the two matrix models are *identical*: not for  $T \neq T_c$ .



# Gross-Witten-Wadia transition at infinite N

Solution at  $N=\infty$ : “critical first order” transition - both first *and* second order  
Latent heat *nonzero*  $\sim N^2$ . And specific heat diverges,  $C_v \sim 1/(T-T_c)^{3/5}$

Potential function of *all*  $\text{tr } \mathbf{L}^n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  But at  $T_c^+$ , only first loop is nonzero:

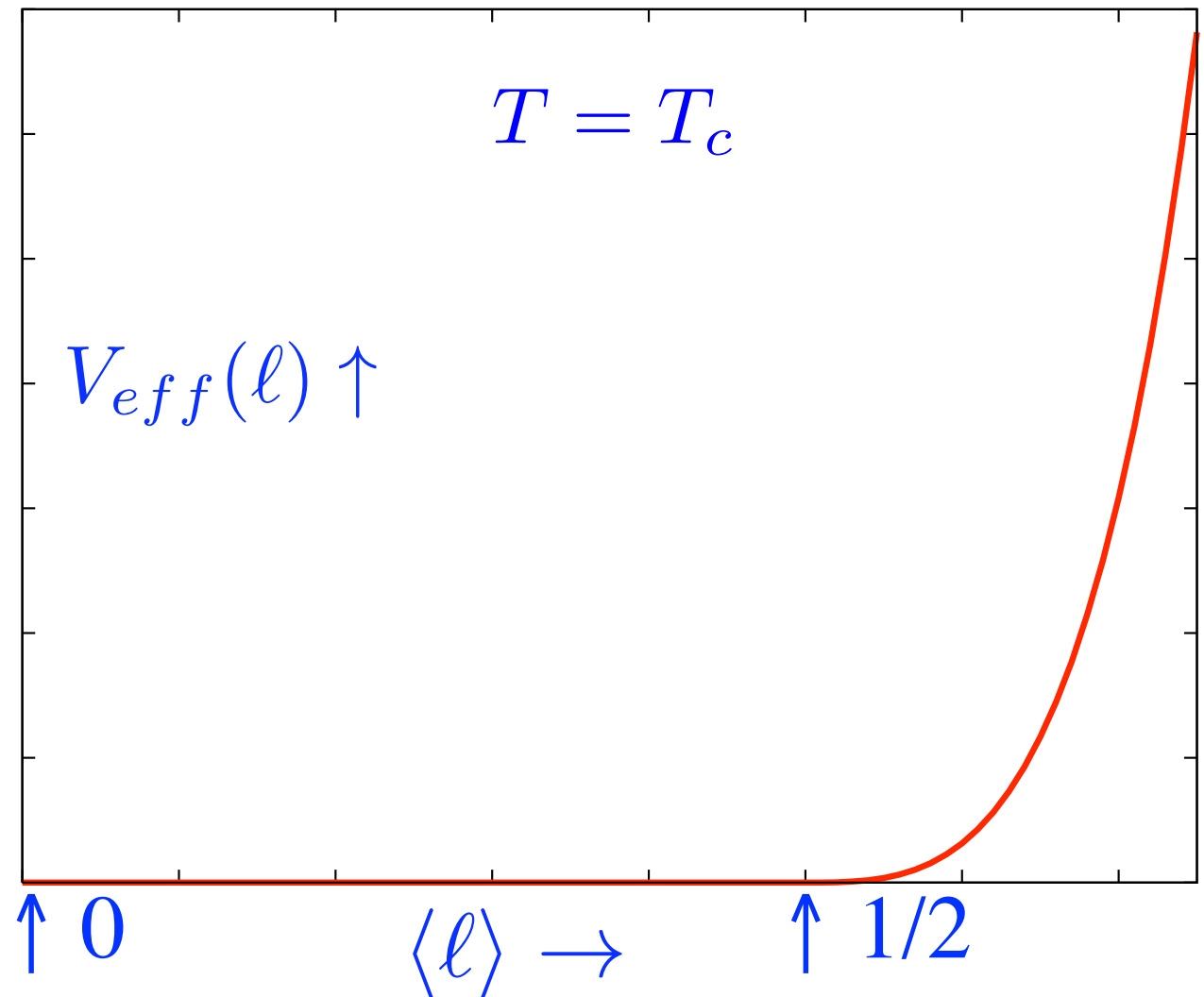
$$\ell = \frac{1}{N} \text{tr } \mathbf{L}$$

$$\ell(T_c^-) = 0$$

$$\ell(T_c^+) = \frac{1}{2}$$

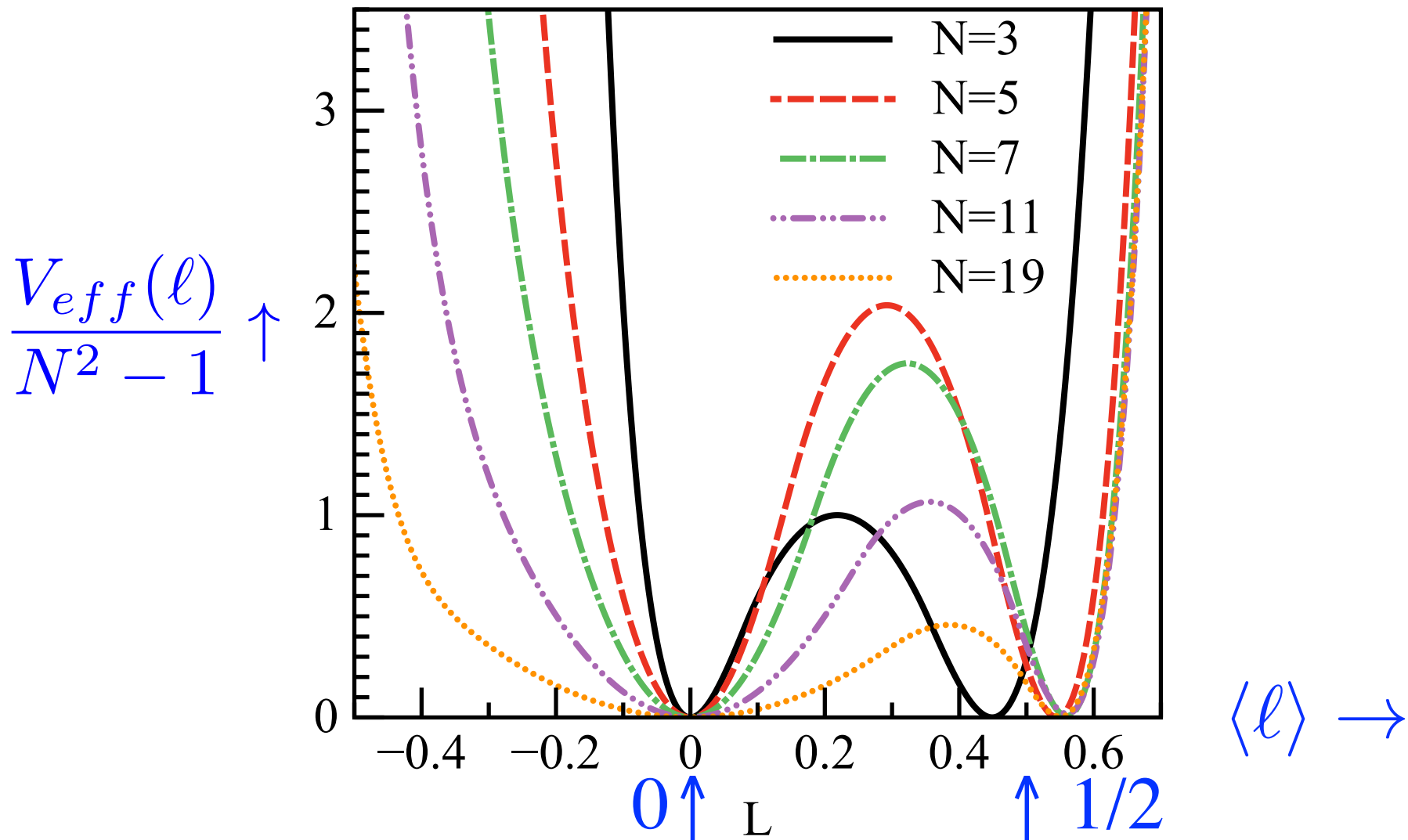
But  $V_{\text{eff}}$  *flat* between them!

$$\text{tr } \mathbf{L}^n (T_c) = 0, n \geq 2$$



# Remnants of GWW at finite N

Solve matrix model numerically at finite N. Find two minima, at 0 and  $\sim 1/2$ .  
Standard first order transition, with barrier & so interface tension, between them  
Barrier disappears at infinite N: so interface tensions *vanish* at infinite N  
Below: potential  $/ (N^2 - 1)$ , versus  $\text{tr } \mathbf{L}$ .



## GWW at finite N: interface tensions small at $T_c$

Consider maximum of previous figure, versus number of colors:  
increases by  $\sim 2$  from  $N = 3$  to 5, then *decreases* monotonically as  $N$  increases  
Perhaps: non-monotonic behavior of order-disorder interface tension with  $N$ ?

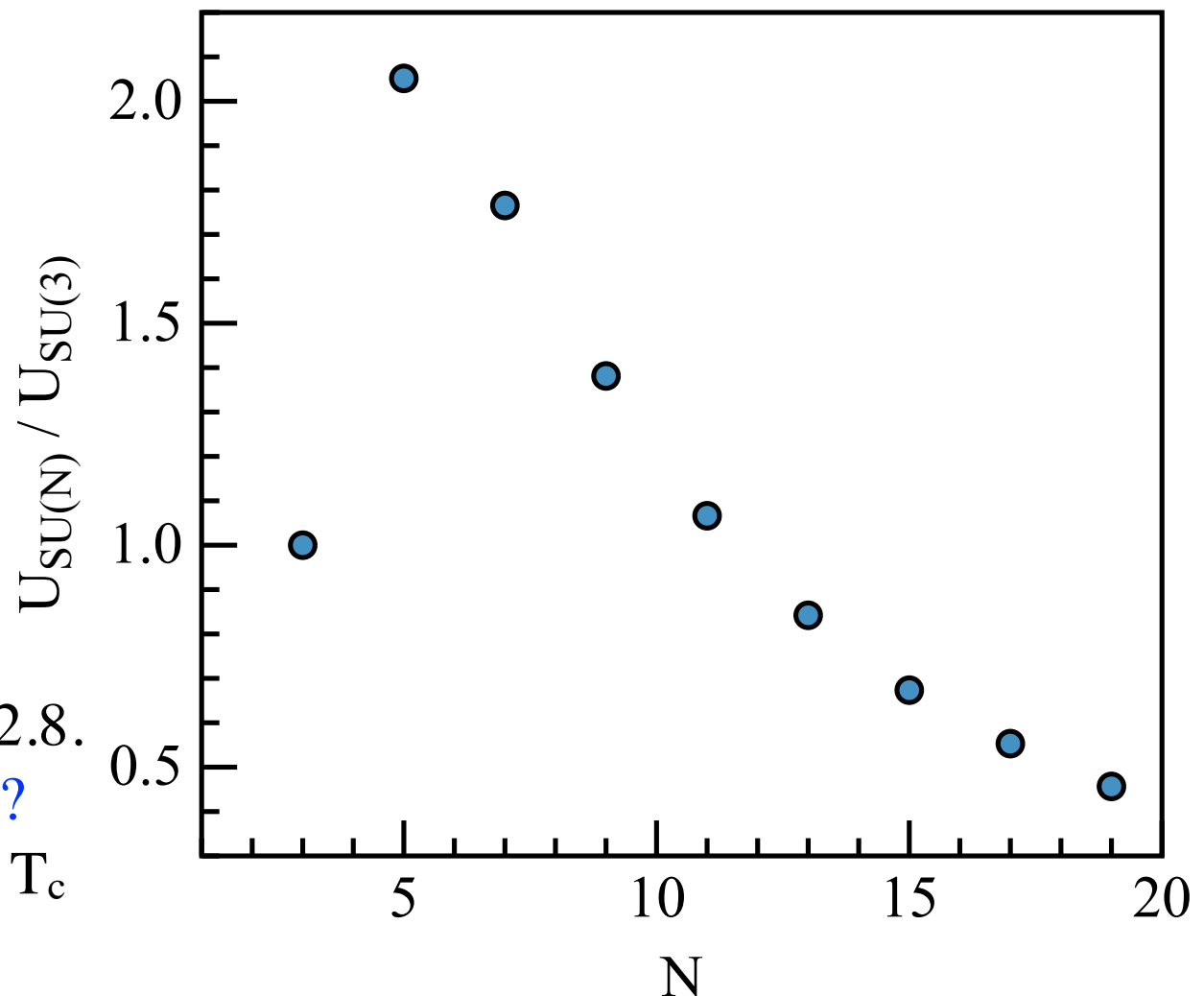
Lattice: order-disorder  
interface tension  $\alpha^{od}$  at  $T_c$ :  
Lucini, Teper, Wegner, lat/0502003

$$\frac{\alpha^{od}}{N^2 T_c^3} = .014 - \frac{.10}{N^2}$$

Coefficients *small*,  $\chi^2$  large,  $\sim 2.8$ .

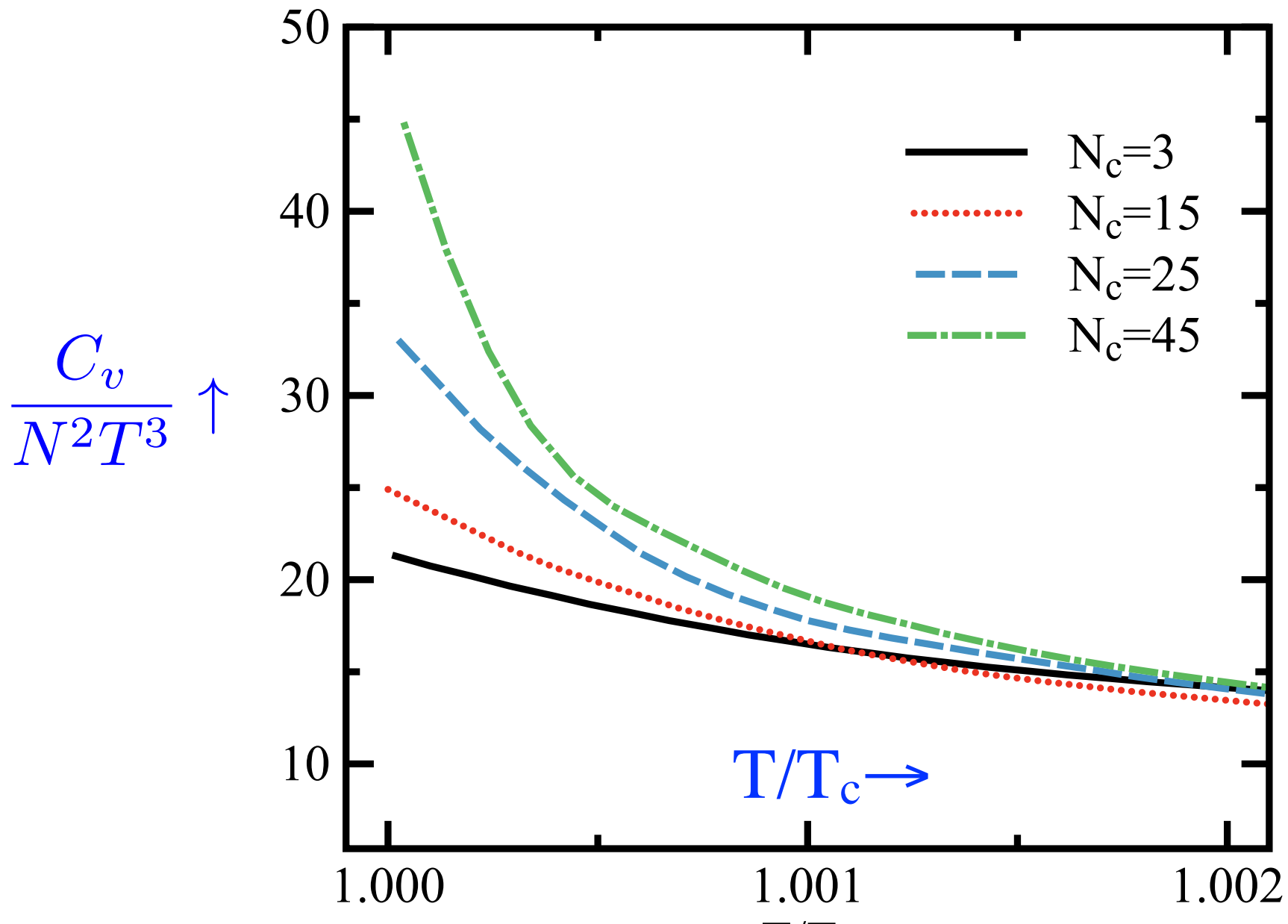
Sign of non-monotonic  $\alpha^{od}/N^2$ ?

N.B.: 't Hooft loops *small* near  $T_c$



# GWG at finite N: specific heat

See increase in specific heat only *very* near  $T_c$ ,  $\sim .1\%$ , for *very* large  $N > 40$



# Roberge-Weiss transitions

Value of an imaginary quark chemical potential,  $\phi$ :

How to measure the 't Hooft loop with *dynamical* quarks

Phase diagram in the  $T - \phi$  plane for heavy quarks

Kashiwa & RDP, 1301.5344

# Roberge-Weiss symmetry

Quarks with *imaginary* chemical potential,  $\mu = 2 \pi i \phi T$ .

Under global  $Z(N)$  rotation:

$$q(\vec{x}, 1/T) = e^{2\pi i(\phi + 1/N)} q(\vec{x}, 0)$$

With quarks, and without  $\phi$ , no  $Z(N)$  symmetry.

With  $\phi$ , Roberge-Weiss symmetry:

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi + \frac{1}{N}$$

Periodicity occurs because of a phase transition, of first order, at  $\phi_{RW} = 1/(2N)$ .

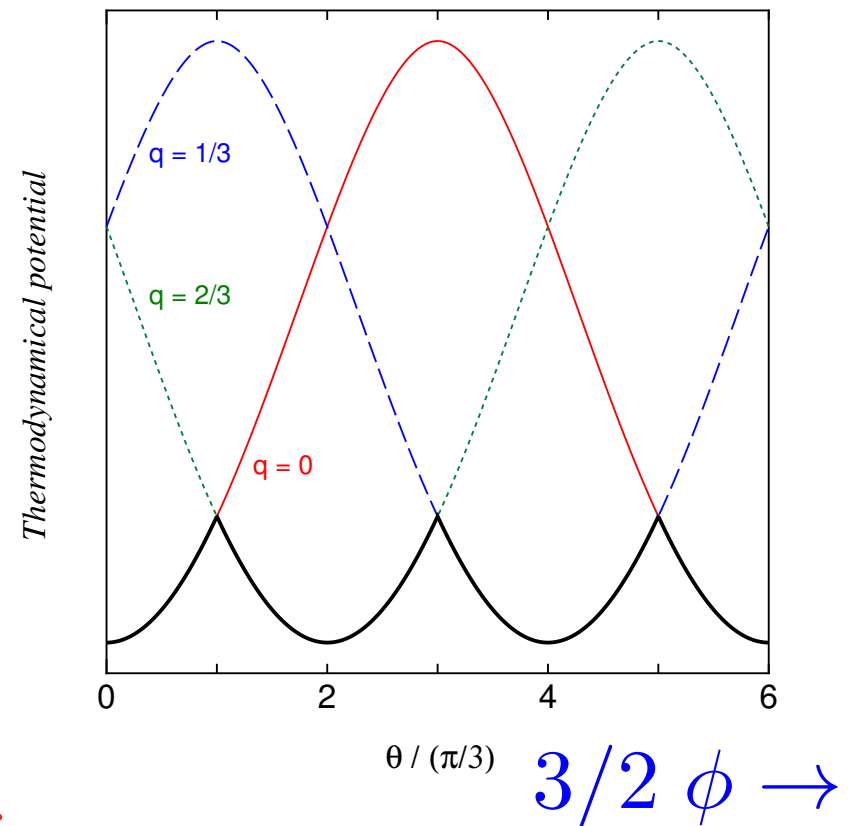
Jump from  $A_0 = 0$ , just left of  $\phi_{RW}$ , to

$$A_0 = \frac{2\pi T}{g} \frac{1}{N} \text{diag}(1 \dots 1, -(N-1))$$

just right of  $\phi_{RW}$ .

Boundary conditions *identical* to  $Z(N)$  interface.

Interface tension for 1st order transition at  $\phi_{RW}$  is the 't Hooft loop - *with* dynamical quarks.



# Phase diagram for RW transitions: high mass

Above only for high  $T$ . Near  $T_c$ , use matrix model for heavy quarks

Consider  $m = m_{\text{DCE}}$ , at Deconfining Critical Endpoint

For high  $T$ , line of 1st order RW transitions at  $\phi_{\text{RW}} = 1/6$ :  
interface tension = 't Hooft loop

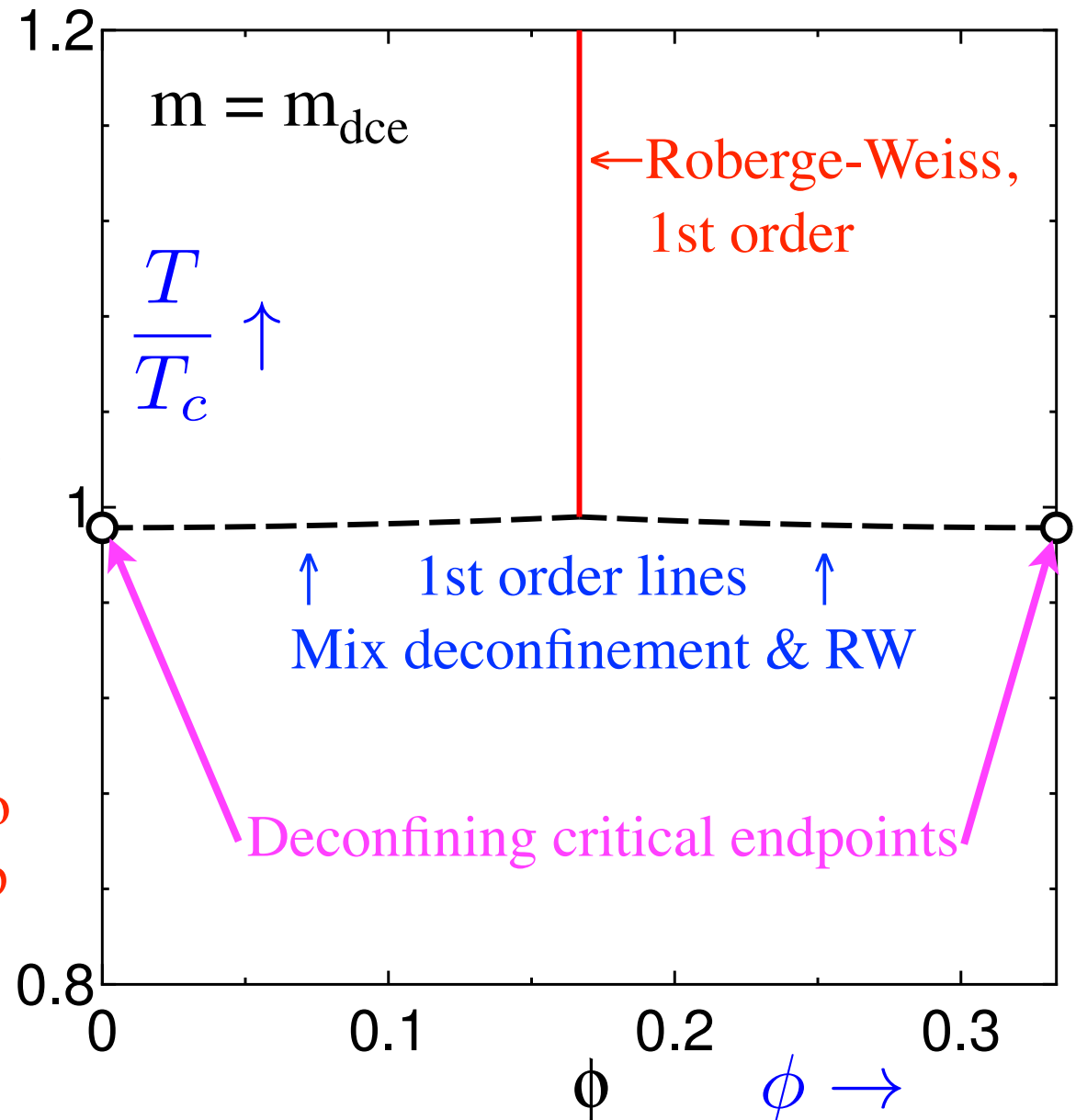
$\phi = 0$ : 2nd order trans. in  $T$ , DCE

$\phi_{\text{RW}} > \phi > 0$ :

Two lines of 1st order trans.'s

Mix deconfinement & RW

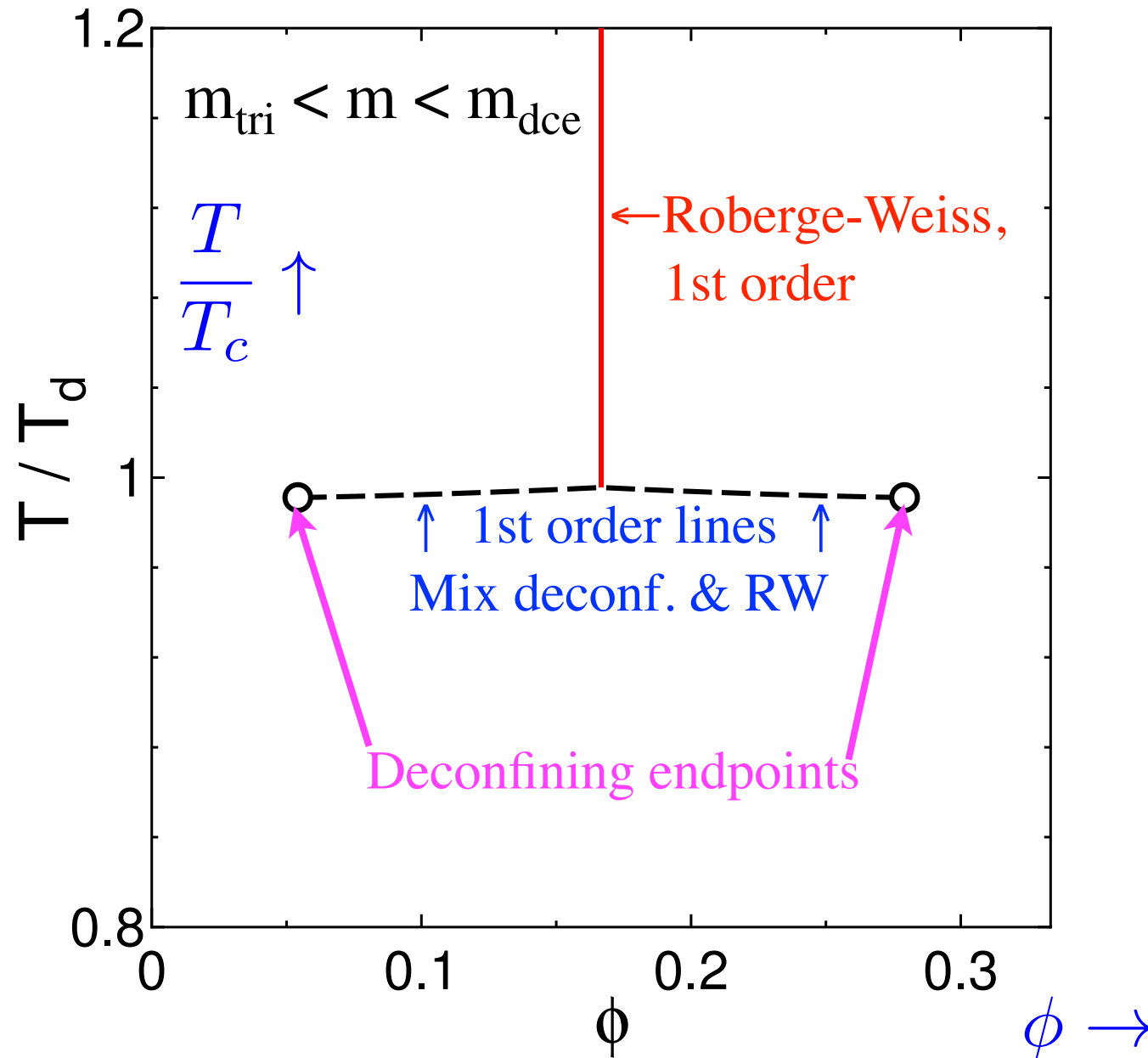
Jump in  $A_0$  *not*  $Z(3)$  transform, so  
interface tension *not* 't Hooft loop



# Phase diagram for RW transitions: intermediate mass

$m_{\text{dce}} > m > m_{\text{tri}}$ : lines of 1st order transitions shrink in  $\phi$ .

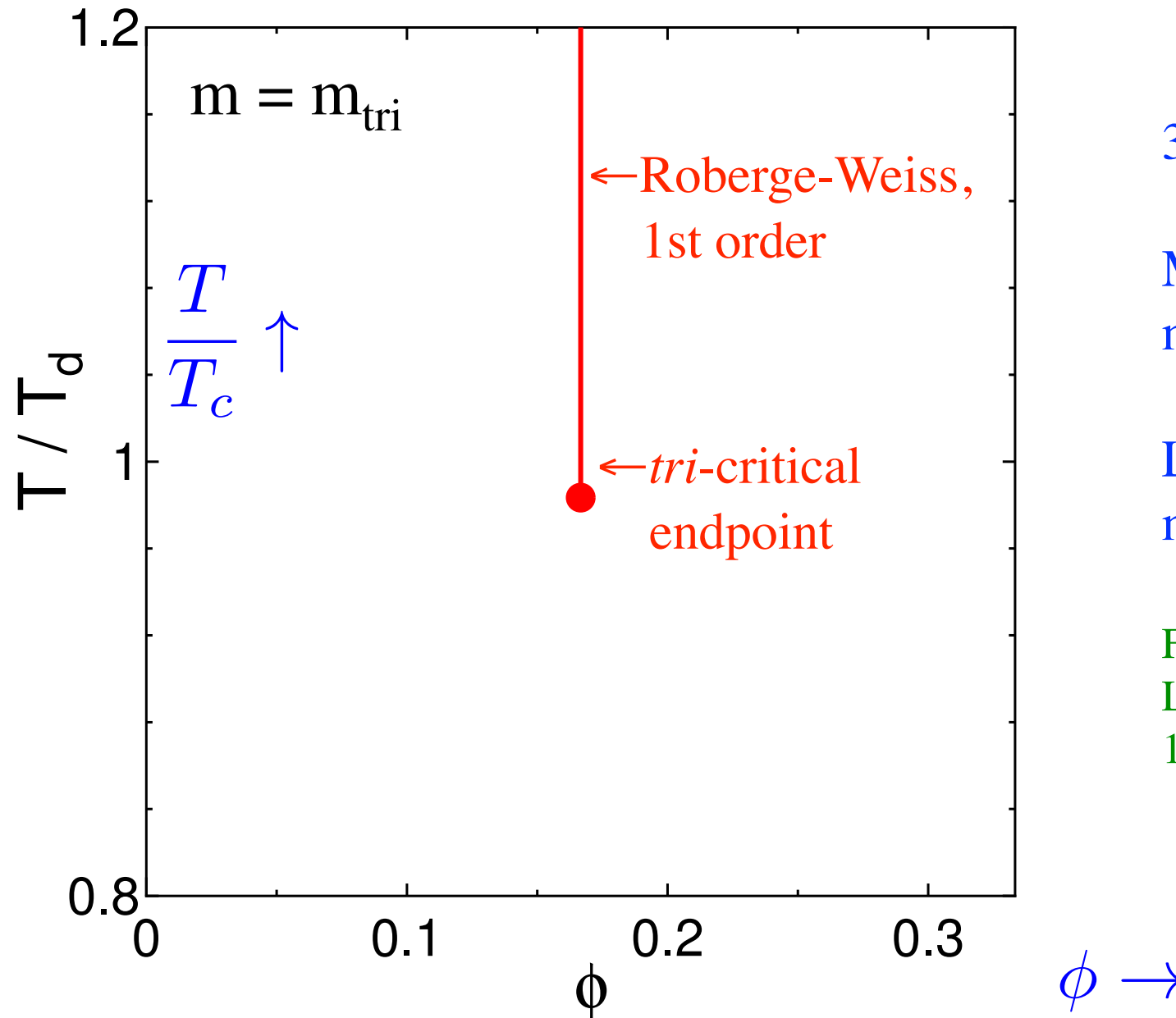
Again, interface tension = 't Hooft loop only for  $\phi_{\text{RW}} = 1/6$





# Phase diagram for RW transitions: low mass

At  $m = m_{\text{tri}}$ , 1st order lines for  $\phi \neq \phi_{\text{RW}}$  merge into  $\phi_{\text{RW}}$ , giving *tri*-critical point  
For  $m < m_{\text{tri}}$ , line of RW transitions ends in an ordinary critical endpoint



3 degenerate flavors:

Matrix model:

$$m_{\text{tri}} \sim 6.4 T_{\text{tri}}$$

Lattice:

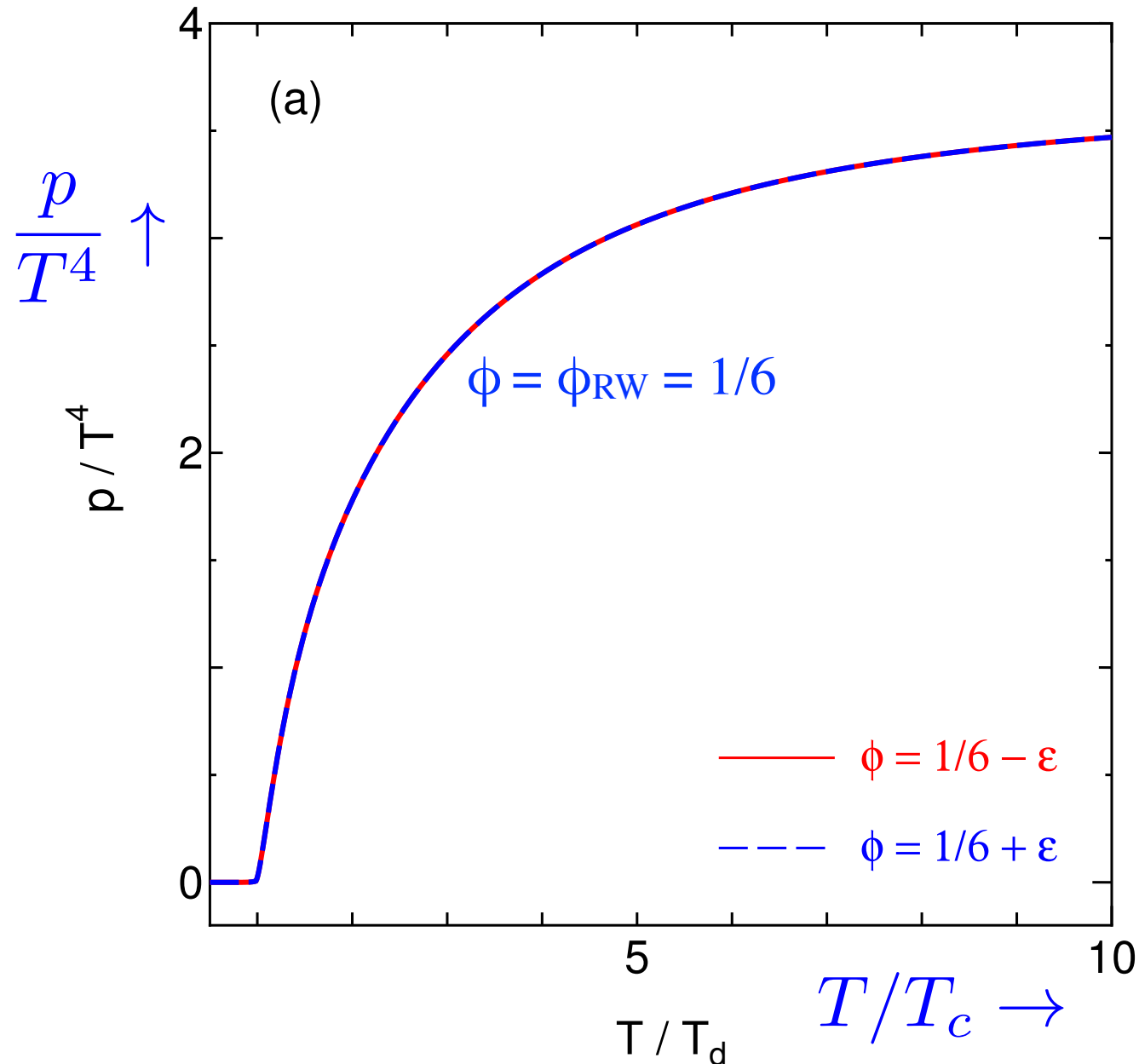
$$m_{\text{tri}} \sim 6.7 T_{\text{tri}}$$

Fromm, Langelage,  
Lottini, Philipsen,  
1111.4953

# Thermodynamics of Roberge-Weiss transition

Use matrix model to compute at  $m=m_{\text{dce}}$ ,  $\phi = \phi_{\text{RW}} = 1/6$ .

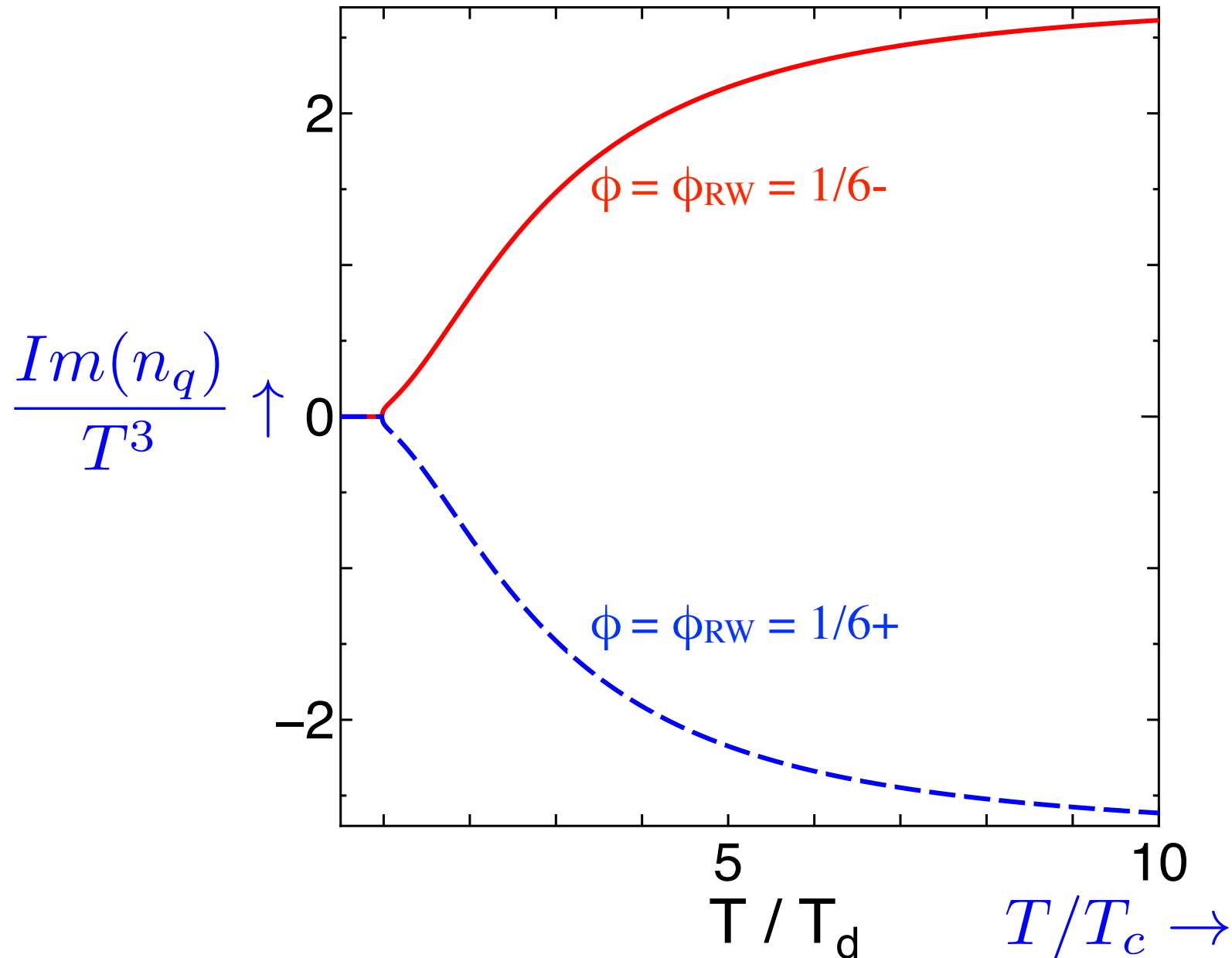
Pressure even in  $\phi$ , so doesn't change



# Quark number density at RW transition

Use matrix model to compute at  $m_{\text{dce}}$ ,  $\phi = \phi_{\text{RW}} = 1/6$ .

(Imaginary) part of quark number density odd in  $\phi$ , so flips sign

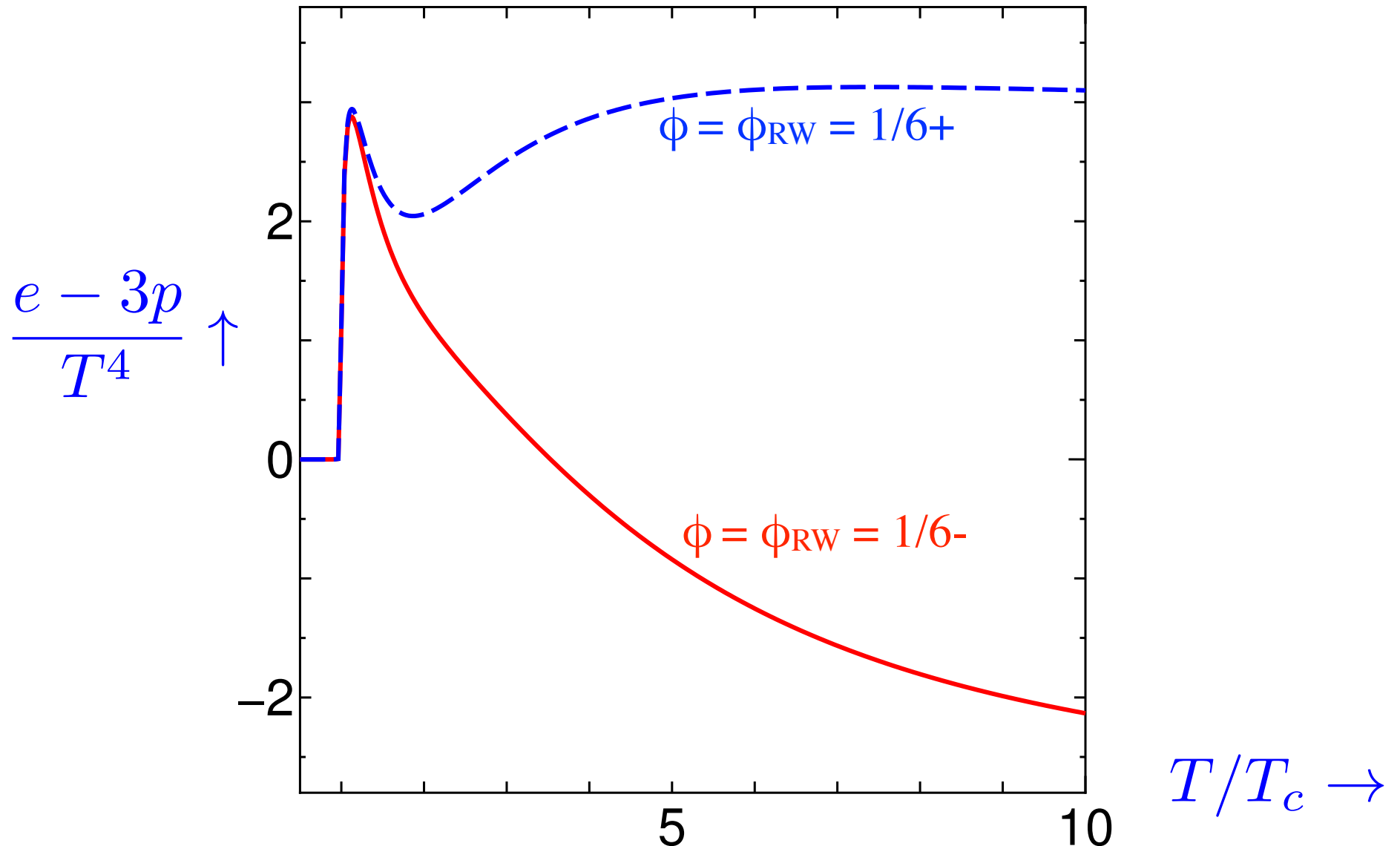


# Interaction measure at RW transition

Use matrix model to compute at  $m_{\text{dce}}$ ,  $\phi = \phi_{\text{RW}} = 1/6$ .

Energy density jumps at transition. Interaction measure *negative* to right of  $\phi_{\text{RW}}$

Unphysical, occurs as chemical potential  $\sim T$  is imaginary



## Future work

Straightforward to add light quarks with chiral effective lagrangian.

In the matrix model,  $T_{\text{deconfinement}} \neq T_{\text{chiral}}$  :  $T_{\text{chiral}}$  *new* parameter

Standard kinetic theory:

To obtain small shear viscosity  $\eta$ , as  $\eta \sim 1/g^4$ , coupling must be large

Then for radiative energy loss,  $q_{\text{rad}} \sim g^2$  is large

Majumder, Muller, & Wang, [ph/0703082](#); Liao & Shuryak, [0810.4116](#)...

Matrix model:  $\eta$  small when the loop is (Y. Hidaka & RDP)

$\sigma \sim \text{loop}^2$ , but  $Q = \text{density} \sim \text{loop}^2 T^3$ :

$$\eta \sim \frac{\rho^2}{\sigma} \sim \ell^2$$

Collisional energy loss  $\sim Q_{\text{quark}} \sim \text{loop}$ , small near  $T_c$ .

Presently computing radiative energy loss, production of photons, dileptons...

Experiment? Both RHIC & LHC are mainly (all?) in the s-QGP.